The newe Boke of Justices of the peas' by I.S. K. lately translated out of Frenche into Englyshe.

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Cum privilegio.

To let ye Pope be at no blame
for Lords & Ladies doe the same

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¶ The forme of the kynges commission directed to the Justicers of peace, by the whiche they are auctorised

HEnricus Octauus dei gracia Anglie et Francie, Rex, fidei defensor, et dominus Hibernie, et in terra supremum caput Anglicane Ecclesie, predilectis et fidelibus suis. B. L. f. G. &c. Salutem. Sciatis quod assignauimus vos coniunctim et diuisim ad pacem nostram, ac ad Statuta et ordinaciones apud Wintoñ, Northampton, et Westmonasterium pro conseruacione pacis eiusdem. Necnon ad Statuta et ordinaciones ibidem, et apud Lantebrigiam de venatoribus, operariis, artificibus, seruitoribus, hoskelariis, mendicantibus, et vagabundis, et aliis hominibus mendicantibus qui se nominant (Tranailyngmen) et iuxta ad statuta et ordinaciones apud Westmonasterium, Anno regni Henrici quarti, nuper Regis Anglie defuncti, primo et secundo de liberatis, signorum sortietatis, militibus, armigeris, seu valectis, et aliis liberatis pannorum minime datis, nec eisdem liberatis aliqualiter vtendis. Et ad quoddam statutum contra Lollardos in parliamento. H. quinti, nuper Regis Anglie defuncti, apud Leicestre nuper tentum, editum. Necnon ad quoddam aliud Statutum in parliamento eiusdem Regis apud Westmonasterium, de contrafactus, consuta, lotura. et alia falsitate, nuper tente nostre tente, iuxta vim formam, et effectum eorundem custodiendorum,

et custodiri faciendorum. Ac ad omnia alia ordinaciones, et Statuta pro bono pacis nostre, ac quieto regimine, et gubernacione populi nostri edita in omnibus et singulis suis articulis in Comitatu nostro. Tam infra libertates, quam extra (per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit) iuxta vim formam et effectum eorundem, custodienda et custodire facienda. Et ad omnes illos (quos contra formam ordinacionum, et statutorum predictorum delinquentes inueneritis) castigandos et puniendos prout secundum formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum fuerit faciendum. Et ad omnes illos qui aliquibus de populo nostro, de corporibus suis, vel de incendio domorum suarum, minas fecerint, ad sufficientem securitatem de pace et bono gestu suo erga nos et populum nostrum inueniendam coram vobis venire. Et si huiusmodi securitatem inuenire recusauerint, tunc eos in prisonis nostris quousque huiusmodi securitatem inuenerint, saluos custodiri faciatis. Assignauimus etiam vos, et quotcunque vestrum Justiciarios nostros ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de Comitatu predicto (per quos rei veritas melius, scire poterit) de omnimodis Felonibus, Transgressoribus, Forstallariis, regratariis, et extortoribus, in Comitatu predicto (per quoscunque, et qualitercunque, factis siue perpetratis eis) et que ex nunc ibidem fieri vel attemptari contigerit. Et etiam de omnibus illis qui in conuenticulo contra pacem nostram, et in perturbacionem populi nostri, seu vi armata, ierunt, vel equitauerunt, seu ex modo ierint vel equitarent

tare presumpserint. Et eciam de hijs qui in ma
diis ad gentem nostram maheimandam, mutis
landam, vel interficiendam, iacuerint, seu ex mo
do iacere presumpserint. Et eciam de omnibus
illis qui capicijs et aliis liberatis de vnica secta
per confederacionem, et pro manutenencia con
tra prohibicionem, ac formam ordinacionum,
et statutorum predictorum inde ante hec tempo
ra factorum, vsi fuerint, et aliis huiusmodi libe
ris impositorum vtentibus. Et eciam de hosts
lariis, et aliis qui in abusu mensurarum, et pon
derum, ac in vendicione victualium, Ac eciam
de quibuscunque operarijs, medicinarijs, artificij
seruitorijs, hostellarijs, et vagabundis, ac aliis
contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum pre
dictorum pro communi vtilitate regni nostri,
Anglie et populi nostri eiusdem, ac huiusmodi
venatorijs, operarijs, artificijs, seruitorijs
hostellarijs, mendicantibus, et vagabundis. ac
aliis inde factorum, deliquerint vel attemptaue
rint in Comitatu predicto, seu ex nunc delinque
re vel attemptare presumpserint. Ac etiam de
quibuscunque vicecomitibus, Maiorijs, bal
liuis, Senescallis, Constabularijs, ac custodi
bus gaolarum qui in execucione officiorum su
orum erga huiusmodi artifices, seruitores, labo
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et vagabundos, ac alios predictorum iuxta for
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remisses, vel negligentes, fore contigerint: et de
omnibus et singulis suis articulis, et circums

tantis, ac aliis premissis contra formam ordinationum, et statutorum predictorum per quoscunque et qualitercunque factis, siue perpetratis / et que ex nunc ibidem fieri vel attemptari contigerit qualitercunque concernentibus plenius veritatem. Et ad indictamenta quecunque tam coram vobis, seu aliquibus vestrum, aut aliis nuper custodibus pacis, et Justiciariis domini, E. quarti, et E. quinti nuper Regis Anglie, ac Ricardi nuper (de facto et non de iure) Regis Anglie tercii / nec non domini H. nuper Regis / Anglie septimi patris nostri defuncti, huiusmodi felonias, trangressiones, et malefacta, in Commissione predicto, audienda et terminanda, assignatis, virtute diuersarum literarum eorundem E. E. R. et H. vobis aut aliis factarum, facta et non dum terminata, que coram vobis et sotiis vestris nunc custodibus pacis nostre, et iusticiariis nostris, huiusmodi virtute literarum nostrarum facta et non dum terminata, inspiciendum (ac ad procedendum inde ac processus versus omnes alios quos coram vobis seu aliquibus vestrum iudicari contigerit) quousque capti antur, reddantur, vel delagentur, faciendos et continuandos. Assignauimus etiam vos triginta et quinque, triginta et quatuor, triginta et tres, triginta et duos, triginta et vnum, triginta viginti et nouem, viginti et octo, viginti et septem, viginti et sex, viginti et quinque, viginti et quatuor, viginti et tres, viginti et duos, viginti et vnum, viginti, et nouem decim, octo decim, septem decim, sexdecim, quindecim, quatuor decim, treisdecim, duodecim, vndecim, decem, nouem, octo, septem, sex, quinque, quatuor, tres, et duos,

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vestrum (quorum aliquem vestrum vos prefatos, duces, Hozkolchie, Hufkolchie, et alios/ vos esse nolumus) Justiciarios nostros ad tales vias predictas, ac ea omnia et singula que per huiusmodi hostellarios, et alios qui[?] abusu mercurarum, et pōderis, ac in vendicione victualium/ et omnia alia que per huiusmodi operarios, artifices, seruitores, laboratores, mendicantes, et vagabundos, qui contra formam ordinacionum, et statutorum predictorum, seu in enervationem eorundem, in aliquo presumpta vel attemptata fuerint, vel attemptari contigerint, ac extorciones et regratarias predictas tam ad sectam nostram quam aliorum quorumcunque coram vobis pro nobis, aut pro se ipsis conqueri, aut prosequi volentium audiendum et terminandum. Necnō trāsgressiones et forstallarias predictas ac omnia alia superius non declarata ad determinanda ad sectam nostram tantum / et omnia alia / que virtute ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum per Custodes pacis nostre, et Justiciarios nostros huiusmodi, discuti et terminari debent, audienda et terminanda / et ad eosdem operarios, artifices, et seruitores per fines, redempciones, et amerciamenta, ac alio modo pro delictis suis, pro vt ante ordinacionem de punicione eorundem huiusmodi operariis artificibus et seruitoribus pro delictis suis imponenda factam fieri consueuit. Ac non eosdem vicecomites, Maiores, Ballinos, Senescallos, Constabularios, ac custodes gaolarum, venatores, vitellarios, mendicantes, et vagabundos, super his qui contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum attemptati fuerint, vel

attemptari contigerint, castigandos et puniendos secundum legem et consuetudinem predictas, ac formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum. Proviso semper quod si casus difficultatis super decisione & determinacione exorcionum huiusmodi coram vobis venire contigerit, tunc ad iudicium inde reddendum nisi in presencia vnius Justiciariorum nostrorum de vno vel de altero banco / aut Justiciariorum nostrorum ad assisas in Comitatu predicto capiendas assignatorum, coram vobis minime procedatur. Et ideo vobis, et cuilibet vestrum mandamus quod circa custodiam pacis ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum diligenter intendatis et ad certos dies et loca (quos vos seu aliqui vestrum ad hoc prouideritis) diligenter super premissa faciatis inquisiciones / et premissa omnia & singula audiatis et terminetis, ac modo debito, et effectus alie expleatis in forma predicta, facturi inde quod ad iusticiam pertinet secum legem & consuetudinem regni vestri Anglie. Salvis nobis Amerciamentis & aliis ad nos inde spectantibus. Mandauimus enim vicecomiti nostro Q quod ad certos dies & loca quos vos seu aliqui vestrum ei scire faciatis (venire faciat coram vobis seu aliquibus vestrum, tot & tales probos & legales homines de balliua sua, tam infra libertates quam extra, per quos rei veritas in premissis melius sciri poterit & inquiri. Et vos fecimus Johem Fitziames ad dies & loca predicta, breuia precepta, precessus & indictamenta, predicta coram vobis & dictis sociis vestris venire faciatis, & ea inspiciatis & debito fine terminetis, sicut predictum est. In cuius rei testimonium &c. ✠

IT is nowe conuenient for our purpoſe, to declare & ſhewe the effecte of this cõmiſſiõ/& what auctorite the Juſticers of peace haue/ as well by vertu thereof, as alſo/ by dyuers eſtatutes, when they be conſtituted & made Juſticiers by the kinges cõmiſſion And fyrſt as conſerninge the auctorite that is gyuen to the by eſtatutes, that ſhal appere more playnly in the tytles here after enſuing. Therfore at the beginninge when any ſuche Comiſſion is awarded, it appereth wel by the wordes therof, that a writ ſhalbe directed to the Shyrffe of the ſame counte (in whiche they ſhalbe made Juſticiers) and that is called a writte of Attendance/ as it is euident by the expreſſe wordes of the Comiſſion, which be theſe. ✠ Mandauimus enim Vicecomiti noſtro. ꝙ. quod ad certos dies et loca / quos vos ſeu aliqui veſtrum ei ſcire faciatis / venire faciat coram vobis ſeu aliquibus veſtrum / tot et tales probos et legales homines &c. i. we haue commaunded our Sheriffe of. ꝙ. that at certayne dayes and places (of whiche you, or ſome of you ſhall do hym to wete) he ſhall cauſe ſuche and ſo many honeſt and laufull men, to cum before you, or ſome of you &c. by whiche wordes it appereth that the Juſticers vpon theyr Cõmiſſion, ſhall directe theyr precept vnto the Sheriffe commaunding hym by the ſame to make an Inquiſt and panell of lauful men of his Countie, retournable before them / at a certeyne daye and place within the ſame Counutye, aſſigned and ſpecifyed in the ſayde precepte to inquere of all

suche thinges as to them shalbe injoyned on the kynges behalfe/whiche they by theyr Comission haue power and auctorite to here and determyne the tenour of whiche wrytte here ensuith.

¶ Antonius. F. & socii sui custodes pacis domini Regis in Comitatu &. ad audiendum et terminandum assignati, vicecomiti. &. salutem. Ex parte domini Regis tibi precipimus, quod non omittas propter aliquam libertatem in balliua tua, quin eam ingrediaris, et venire facias coram nobis tali die proxime futuro apud W. xxiiii. liberos et legales homines de quolibet, Hundredo, Tithingo, et wapentagio, ac de quolibet burgo de balliua tua predicta ad faciendum ibidem que sibi ex parte domini Regis iniungentur. & ci te facias etiam omnibus senescallis, constabulariis, subconstabularijs, et ballinis infra hundredum et burgum predictum, quod tunc sint ibi, habentes secum omnia nomina artificum, laboratorum, & seruientium infra eorum ballinas existencium contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum capiencium, sufficienter inbreuiatorum. Proclamari insuper facias, quod omnes illi qui tam pro domino Rege quam pro seipsis versus ipsos, artifices, laboratores, et seruientes, aliquas querelas iuxta formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum conqueri vel prosequi voluerint, quod tunc sint ibidem coram iusticiarijs inde prosequitur. Et tu ipse tunc sis ibidem cum ballinis hundredor libertat, & burgorum predictorum, habens secum omnia nomina senescallorum, constabulariorum, et subconstabulariorum, Juratorum, et hoc preceptum. Teste W. B. apud westmonasterium tali die. &c.

¶ And it is to be noted that when the Sheriffe

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shall retourne the forsayde precepte before the sayde Justicers/the Jurastours that be returned shall be called, by whome the Inquestis and presentmentes shalbe taken. And in lyke maner shal the Constables, and vnder Constables by them selfe make presentmentes, of and vpon therecesses of Lordis men, labourers, and seruauntes, And euery suche presentment made by the in this behalfe, shalbe as good & avayliable, as a presentment made by .xii. men, of and concernynge the excesses aforesayde. ✠ ✠ ✠

Also it appereth by these wordes of the Comission(Et vos prefati Iohannes. F. ad dies et locum predictos/brevia/precepta/processus/et indictamenta coram vobis/et dictis socijs vestris/venire faciatis/eaque inspiciatis/ac debito fine terminetis.) yow the forsayde. I. F. at the daies and places aforesayde, shall cause the forsayde wrytes, preceptes, processis, & indictamentis, to be brought before you, and your sayde felowes, and them you shal loke vpon and determyne after the due course) that the same Justiciar that is so named therin, shalbe keper of the rolles and Recordes of all pleis, Inditementes, processis, and all other matters had, moued or depending before them/ and he is callyd Custos rotulorum. And it appereth by these wordes (Assignauimus etiam vos/et quoscunque vestrum Justiciarios nostros/ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de Comitatu predicto &. we haue assigned you and euery of you our Justicers to enquire by the othe of honest and lawfull men of the forsayde Countie) that yowe Justicers of peace may holde and kepe the

tions of the peace, to enquyre of all thinges conteyned in the Comission. Howbeit one Justicee of peace can nat do it / bycause the woꝛdes of the Commission be in the plurel noumber, that is to say vos. i. (you) whiche hathe relacion to all the Justicers named therin, & (quoscunque vestrū. i. euery of you) whiche hath relacion to two Justicers at the leste.

Also by these woꝛdes (Assignauimus etiam vos / et quoscunque vestrū Iusticiarios nostros / ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de Comitatu predicto &c. i. we haue also assigned you, and whosoeuer of you they be, owre Justicers, to enquire by the othe of honest and lawful men of the sayde countie &c. it appereth that two Justicers maye kepe and holde the Sessions of peace to enquire of al thinges conteyned in theyꝛ Commission. Albeit that one Justicer may nat do the same / bycause the woꝛdes of the Commission be (vos. i. you) which hath relacion to all them that be named in the Commission. And (quoscunque vestrum. i. whosoeuer of you they be) which woꝛdes haue relacyon to. ii. at the leste: bicause the woꝛdes be in the plurell noumber. Natwithstandinge it semith that two Justicers of peace cannat enquire here & determyne felonies, & other offenses expꝛessed & specified in the Commission / except that one of them two, be Justicers of Quorum nampd) in the Commission / as apperith by these woꝛdes in the Commission. Assignauimus vos. ℈. ℈ 4. &c. 4 ℈. et duos vestrum (quorum aliquem vestrum / vos prefatos. A. B. & C, vnum esse volumus) Iusticiarios nostros / ad felonias predictas / ac ea om

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lia et singula/ que &c. i. we haue assigned you. 35. 34. &c. fower, thre, and two, of you (of whome, we wyll the sayde .B. and .C. to be alwayes one) oure Justicers to here and determine felonies, and al other thinges whiche &c.

Wherfore it apperith in the Commission that if any case of difficulte in the lawe, of extorcions happen before Justicers of peace to be determined/ notwithstandynge that they be Justicers of Quorum, yet shall they not procede to gyue iudgement in the same matter/ onles it be in presence of one of the Justicers of the one benche, or the other, or the Justicers of Assise i the same cõsty. And that is by reason of these wordes in the Commission. Proviso semper quod si casus difficultatis super determinacione extorcionum huiusmodi/ coram vobis venire contigerit/ tunc ad iudicium inde reddendum/ nisi in presencia vnius Iusticiariorum nostrorũ de vno vel de altero banco/ aut Iusticiariorum nostrorum/ ad Assisas in comitatu predicto capiendas/ assignatorum/ minime procedatur. Provided alwayes that if any case of difficulte happen to aryse before you, about the determinacion of suche maner of extorcions: thẽ shal ye not procede to gyue iudgemnt therupõ, onles it be in the presence of one of oure Justicers, of the one benche or the other, or owre Justicers of Assise in the sayde Countie. But nowe it is to be sene howe these wordes. Super determinacione extorcionum huiusmodi. i. vpon the determinacion of suche maner of extorcions/ shalbe expounded. And it semith that within the compas of those wordes

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shalbe compyled and taken all maner offences, felonies, and all other thinges done agaynst the kynges peace, mentioned and conteyned in theyr Commission. So that if any doute in lawe arise vpon the same, before them, they shall proceede no further, but shalbe aduised therupon vnto the cummynge of some of the Justicers aboue named, yet natwithstandynge if they proceede and gyue iudgement in suche cases, as be doubted in lawe, and do nat tary vnto the commyng of the sayde Justicers, the Judgement shall yet stande in his force, and shal bynde all maner of persons vntill it be reuersed by Errour.

But nowe wyl I declare the speciall articles of the sayde Commission euyn as they be specified in the same / in the beginninge whereof it appereth that they be made Justicers aswell for the kynges peace to be kepte & conseruid, as also to cause the kynges subiectes to kepe it. And more ouer to cause all those persones (that manace or threte any other to hurte theyr bodyes, or burne theyr houses) to appere before them, and to finde sufficient suertye of the peace, and of theyr good abering agaynst the kynge, and all his people. And if they refuse so to do, they to cause them to be kepte in prison vntill they haue founde suche suertye / and that by the statute made the. 34. yere of. E. 3. the fyrste Chapiter. Also the Justicers by the same statute, vpon informacyon made vnto them, or by theyr discrecion without any informacion, shall awarde suche a precept agaynst any person to fynde suertye of his good abering, or of the peace. And it semith to me that one Justicer of the peace, by his discrecion may

as well awarde any suche precept, as two may. And the statute goeth to the same effecte, as it is clere by the wordes thereof: for elles peraduenture myghte ensue greate damage to many of the Kynges liege people, if the partye shulde nat be attached, before that two Justicers had made the precept: yet knowe I very wel that the comon vsage is to make suche a precepte of good abearinge in the name of two Justicers / whiche ordre is good to be kepte. Also the comon vsage is when any Suretie of the peace is demaunded by one persone against another afore the Justicers, to cause the partie that so demaundith it to take an othe vpon a boke, that he demaundyth the same for sauegarde of his bodye / house / or goodes, nat to be hurte / or burnte. And this ordre is necessarie to be obserued: for els some wolde require suertie / of the peace agaynst other, before the Justicers of peace / more for malyce / and to vexe other, then for any doubte of bodelye hurte. Nowbeit a Justice of peace by his discressyon / without the request of any person / may directe his precepte to the Sheriffe / or other officers to cause any pson to cum before him to finde suerty of the peace agaynst all the Kynges liege people, if it may seme to the discression of the same Justicers conuenient to be done. Also a Justicer of the peace may commaunde a man beinge in his presence before hym to synde suretie to kepe the peace agaynste al the Kynges liege people / & to appere at the nexte Generall Sessions to be kepte in the same cõtie without any precepte, if he thynke it so cõuenient to the conseruacion of the peace. And if the partie refuse to synde

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suche sweretie / then the same Justicer maye comaunde hym to the prisone of the same Countie without any precepte / and shall iustifye his acte, bycause he is a Justice of recorde / and his commaundyment by wordes / whiche (as me semith) is more stronge then a precepte vnder his Seale. : : ✠ : : ✠ : :

And if a Justicer of peace directe a precepte of the peace agaynste any person / to cause hym to cum before hym / or before some other Justicer of the peace of the same Countie / and to finde suerte of the peace / & to appere at the nexte generall Sessions in the same Countie / and delyuer the same precepte to the Sheriffe / or some other officer / Now may another Justicer of peace graunte a Supersedeas to the same persone (against whome the precept is awardyd) and may take a Recognisance of him, that he shal appere at the nexte generall Sessions, within the same countie, accordyng to the same precepte. But it semeth that another Justicer can nat discharge suche a precepte beyng alredy made, and to gyue another day to the ptie to appere at some other Sessions, which is nat expressed in the same precepte: bycause that one Justicer hathe no more auctorite then another. And suche a warrant or precepte is a matter of recorde, which can nat be discharged by another Justiciar.

¶ Inlyke maner if one be bounden before any Justicer of the peace by recognisance, to kepe the peace agaynste all the kynges liege people, & to appere at the nexte generall Sessions in the same countie: Nowe can nat another Justicer graunt him a Supersedeas to appere at another

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Sessions then the same, wherat he is bounden by the recognisaunce to appere, because he can nat discharge suche a recognisaūce taken by ano other Justicier. And the Justicier is bounden by statute to certefie the recognisance at the nexte Sessions/ and the partie shalbe called therupon. But in this case if the partie so bounden by recognisance to appere at the nexte Sessions bring a wrytte of Supersedeas out of the Chauncery/ testefieng that he hathe founden suretie there against the partie/ or against al the kynges liege people forever/ and sende this wrytte of Supersedeas to the Justicers of peace at the nexte Sessions by his seruaunt: it semeth that he is discharged of his apperaunce therby/ notwithstanding that the Recognisance be certefyed at the same Sessions, because the grauntynge of the same wrytte is the acte of the kynge/ whiche is the fountayne, wherout the administracion of all Justice procedeth. And the comon vsage in the kynges benche is accordynge therto: for if one be bounden there to kepe the peace, and to appere at a certayne day, if before his day of apperaūce he brynge, or sende a Supersedeas to the Justicers, out of the Chauncery testefieng that he is bounden there by recognisance to kepe the peace in that case the Justicers wyl nat cal hym at his day of apperance by the recognisance/ but wyll discharge it without any apperance.

¶ But if a man be bounde by recognisance before Justicers of the peace to appere at the nexte sessions, and after he purchaseth a Supersedias out of the Chauncery directed to them testefieng that he hathe founden suretis vntyll a certayne

dayes

day, whiche is after the nexte Sessions. I doute very muche whither this Supersedeas shalbe allowed without the appearaūce of the partie at the nexte Sessions. And if the partie do nat appere then accordyng to his recognisance/ whether he shal forfayte the same. In this case it semeth vnreasonable that he is bounden to appere at the sayde nexte sessions/ ayeis he shal forfayte his recognisance, for the mischife that myght ensue to him that demaunded the suertie of peace / after the day expressyd in the supersedeas, before that he can haue the partie bounden of newe to kepe the peace agaynste him.

¶ Also if one be bounden by recognisaūce before Justicers of the peace to kepe the peace, and to appere at the nexte general sessions, whiche suertie is at the sute of some person that had demaūdyd the same: nowe if before the sessions, he that demaundyd suche suertie wyll release it before any other Justicer of the peace / if the same Justicer of the peace at the day of the sessions, certifie the sayde release to the Justicers beyng at the Sessions, he that so is bounden by recognisance shalbe discharged therby/ and he shall nat be callid vpon his recognisance, neyther shal his defaite be recordyd, forasmuche as the principal cause of the recognisance made, was for to kepe the peace, the which is discharged by the release made before a Justicer of the Peace / whiche release when it is certefied at the sessions, then is the apperance but a thynge accessory therto, and was made only to the entente that he shulde fynde newe suertie of the peace, in case the partie coulde nat release. And that is the comon vsage, but yet

but yet shall nat the recognisance be cancelliyd/ for so muche as he myght haue broken the peace before the same release made. But if a Justicer by his discrecion awarde a precepte agaynst one to fynde suretie of the peace, and to appere at the nexte sessions/oreis without any precepte, commaunde one to fynde sucrtie of the peace to appere at the nexte sessions without any peace demaundyd by any person/ and take a recognisãce of the partie that he kepe the peace, and appere at the next sessiõs: in thys case the Justicer that toke suche suretie and recognisance, may discharge the same, and his apperance at his pleasure whẽ he shall thynke conuenient, bycause that in this case the hole acte depẽdyth only vpon the discrecion of the sayde Justicier.

¶ And if two Justiciers of the peace awarde theyr precepte to the Shyryffe to holde a sessions at a certayne day and place, cõmaunding him by the same to retourne a panell of suche a venue before thẽ, in this case other Justiciers can nat by the lawe make a supersedeas to the shyreffe, that he shall nat retourne the panell, nor cum at the daye and place to him assigned by the other precepte. But the kynge by his wrytte of supersedeas may cõmaunde the Shyreffe or the Justiciers that they shall nat kepe the same Sessions at the daye & place appoynted/ and that shalbe a discharge of the precepte made by the Justicers to haue or kepe suche Sessions.

¶ Then is the cõmission further. ✠ Assignauimus vos coniunctim et diuisim ad pacẽ nostrã, ac ad Statuta et ordinaciones apud Winton, Northampton, et Westmonasteriũ, pro conser-

uacionc pacis eiusdem, custodienda, et custodire facienda. By whiche wordes it apperyth that the Justicers ought to do theyr deuoyre, that these estatutes may be obserued in all poyntes/ and that in euery of theyr quarter sessions they ought to enquire of those that offende agaynst those ordinaũces/ & that in gyuyng theyr charge vnto the iquestes, they shall specially reherse the articles of the same estatutes touchynge the obseruacion of the peace, and the good gouernãce of the subiectis of this realme. And this estatute of wynchestre was made in the. xxx. yere of kyng Edwarde the fyrste, all only for the conseruaciõ of the peace, and good ordre of the people/ for which cause it is necessarie that the same be publysshed and gyuen in charge vnto the inquest, to enquere specially of those articles, whiche hereafter shal appere amonges tharticles after wrytten. And the statute of Northampton was the seconde yere of kynge Edwarde the thyrde, and continued vnto the fourthe yere of his reygne with dyuerse other statutes cõcernyng the peace and good gouernaunce of the kynges subiectes, whiche hereafter folowe.

¶ And where the cõmission is further. ✠ Assignauimus. &c. ad Statuta, et ordinaciones apud winton, Northamptõ, et westmo. pro conseruacione pacis. &c. It is to be noted that there haue ben many estatutes made at westmynster touchyng the good ordre of the people/ so that I can nat perfetly perceyue to whiche of the estatutes made at westminster this cõmission & the meanyng therof shalbe referryd and construyd. But forsomuche as by comen entẽdemẽt this fourme

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of cõmission was deuised, when Justicers of the peace were fyrste ordeyned / and then was there no estatutes made at Westmynster, but only the olde estatutes of westminstre fyrste, seconde, and thyrde / & also bycause the fyrste statute of West. maketh mencion of the cõseruacion of the peace of the kynge & holy churche/and that mẽ of religion shall nat be ouercharged with the often resorte of the Shyreffe vnto them, nor by other persons and that theyr goodes shal nat be taken by thẽ, nor none other persons / wherfore it semith that Justicers of peace in theyr Sessions ought specially to enquire of them.

¶ Then sayth the cõmission further ✠ Ad statuta et ordinaciones apud Cantabrigiam. But the same estatutes were made at Canterbury, & nat Cambridge/whiche are De venatoribꝰ, operariis, artificibus, seruitoribꝰ, hostellariis, mẽdicantibus, vagabundis, et aliis hominibus qui se nominant (trauaylyng men) .i. of hunters, labourers, craftesmen, seruauntes, hostellars, beggars, vagabounde, & other, whiche name them selues Trauaylinge men. But forbycause that there be many estatutes made concernyng suche labourers, and craftesmen in the tyme of kynge Henry the. vii. and Henry the. viii. that same clause in the cõmission at this day is of smal effecte. And the cõmission makyth mencion of hunters of whome the statute speakyth nothynge.

¶ Also where the cõmission dothe make rehersall of the Estatutes and ordinaunces made at westmynster in the fyrste and seconde yere of H. the fourthe, of lyueries & tokens, and of another estatute made by kynge Henry the. v. in the par-

liamẽt holdẽ at Leycestre wherof we shal speke hereafter, it is euydent ynough what muste be done in that poynte.

¶ Also the cõmission dothe extende further vnto coñterfaytyng, clyppyng, washyng and other falsifyeng of the money of the lande, in whiche cases the Justiciers haue power by vertue of theyr cõmissiõ to enquere, & make pcesse therupõ by Capias only, against thẽ that shalbe endited.

¶ Then goyth the cõmission further in these wordes. ✠ Ac ad omnia alia ordinaciones et statuta pro bono pacis nostre, ac quieto regimine, et gubernacione populi nostri edita, in omnibus et singulis suis articulis in comitatu nostro Sꝺ. tam infra libertates ꝓ extra iuxta vim formam et effectum eorundem custodiendum, et custodiri faciendum. i. we haue assigned you to kepe and cause to be kepte all other ordinaunces and statutes made for the safegarde of our peace, and quiet gouernaunce of our people in our countie of Sꝺ. accordynge to the force fourme and effecte of the same in al and singuler theyr articles and clauses. Whiche wordes compzehend all estatuꝭ made for safegarde of the peace, and good ordre, and gouernaũce of the kynges subiectes. And by this cõmission they haue auctorite to enquere of thole that offẽde agaynst the sayde estatuꝭ, and to punyshe and compel them to obserue the same estatutes by force of thole wordes Custodiri faciendõ. i. to cause to be obserued, or kepte.

¶ Then be the wordes of the cõmission further Assignauimus vos, et quoscunq; vestrum. i. we haue assigned you, and whosoeuer of you they be. And thole be in the plurell noũbre/ wherby it

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appereth that there ought to be two Justicers at the leaste, which shal enquere of all maner felõs, trespassours, forstallours, regratours, & extorcio ners. And so it appereth þ Justicers of peace may enquyre of all maner of felonies, that were felonies at the comon lawe or felonies made by estatutes, & of all maner trespassis cõmitted agaynst the kynges peace, and of suche trespassis whereupon any mought haue accion vpon the case for the trespas or disceite: for in the ende of an accion vpon the case these wordes be reherced, Contra pacem nostram. i. Contrary to our peace whiche is an offence and occasion whereby the breache of the kynges peace may ensue, for the peace is none other thynge in effecte, but ampte & confydence had & annexed amonge the kynges subiectes. And he that breakyth thys ampte or cõfidence, breaketh the peace. Also it appereth by these wordes. Pro quieto regimine, et gubernacione populi nostri. i. for the quiet ordre & gouernance of our people, that he whiche breakyth this quietnes, breakyth the good ordre & gouernaũce amonges the kynges subiectes, by whiche it semeth that the Justicers of peace ought to enquere of suche offencys, trespassis, & disceytes.

¶ Moreouer the cõmission speaketh of forstallours, for whiche cause it is necessarie to shewe who shalbe sayde forstallours. And it appereth by an olde treatise made i the time of kyng Edward the fyrste concerning forstallours, and by a boke case. 3. E. 2. in the tytle (Accion sur estatute) that suche a person shalbe sayde a forstallour, which byeth corne, or other marchaundice to the entent that he may sel the same againe at a more hyghe

pryce. And in the tytle of (accion sur le case) 35. 7. H.4. an accion was brought agaynst one that bought beastes in a market, & solde them agayne in the same market. Also in the tytle of Assise. 43 E.3. in the boke of Assises, it appereth that who soeuer procureth to enhaunce the marchandyses (whiche cum thyther) shall make fyne & raūsome or that procureth to abate the pryces of wolles, & marchaūdise of this royalme, shall make fyne.

¶ The cōmission speaketh also of regratours, for the vnderstandyng wherof it appereth by an estatute therof made in the 14. yere of Rycharde the seconde in the fourthe chap. that euery persō which byeth any thynge, to sell the same agayne at a more hyghe pryce shalbe callyd a regratour. And a forstallour is he that bieth any marchaūdyse, or other thynge cūmynge to any marchant towne, fayre, or market, to thentent that he may cōuerte the same to his owne vse, & nat to sell it agayne, endyce the diuersite of thē that be lernyd.

¶ Also the effecte of this worde (Extorcionib⁹) i. (extorcioners) is/that they may enquere of those that cōmytte excessiue wronges, for wrong̃ dōne to any person, is properly callyd trespas, but excessiue wronge, is callyd extorcion, whiche extendyth ryerly to officers, as to Mayres, Bailliffes Shrriffes, Eschetours, and other ministers (who soeuer they be) whiche by colour of theyr office do great oppression, and excessyue wronge to the kynges subiectes, in takyng excessyue rewardes, and fees for execuciō of theyr offyce. And in lyke maner it shalbe enquired of the extorcions of Ordinaries, and other spirituall ministers/wherupon many estatuts be made, whiche gyue auctor-

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ryte to Justicers of the peace to enquere of the defaultes of Shirefes, Mayres, Bailliues, and all other officers in doynge theyr offices, or in the execucion therof.

¶ The cõmission is further. ✠ Et de omnibus illis, qui in conuenticulis contra pacem nostram seu vi armata ierint, vel equitauerint, et de hijs qui in insidijs ad gentem nostram maheimãdã. vel interficiendam iacuerint. i. ye shal enquire of all those that ryde or go in companies, agaynste our peace, or with power of armes, and of those that lye in awayte to mayme or kyll our people. By whiche wordes the Justicers ought to enquire of riottes, routes, and all vnlaufull assembles, whiche shalbe more euidently touchyd in the estatutes folowyng.

¶ The cõmission is further. Et de omnibus illis qui capicijs, et aliis liberatis de vnica secta per confederacionem, et pro manutenencia cõtra formam ordinacionum. ꝛc. i. ye shall enquire of al those that weare cappes and other lyuerayes of one sute by confederacie, for maintenaunce. ꝛc. By whiche clause it apereth that they ought to enquire of confederatours and mayntenours, agaynst whom there be dyuers estatutes made, but nat to determine thẽ at the suyte of the ptye but at the kynges suyte vpon billes of Indictement. Natwithstanding Justicers of Assise and Nisi prius, maye determine them aswell at the suite of the partie, as of the kynge.

¶ Then is the cõmission further. ✠ Et etiam de hostellarijs, et aliis qui in abusu mensurarum, et ponderum, ac in vendicione victualium. ꝛc. i. ye shall enquire of hostellars and other, whiche

offende in mysusynge weyghtes and measures, and in selling victualles, wherby it appereth, that Justicers haue power to enquere of the abuse of measures & weyghtes, & to se that they be made accordyng to the estatutes ordeyned for the same and to punysshe suche offendours as vse them cō trary to the estatutes whiche herafter shalbe re= cited. And wheras it maketh mēcion of the sale of victuals, it sempth that Justicers of the peace shall punysshe victaillours, whiche sell theyr vic= tayles ouer deare, and shall make enquire therof as it appereth by dyuers estatutes/and that they may also enquere of the defaultes of Mayres, & Baylliffes in Cyties and Broughes for nat ly= mytynge and assessing the prices of victuals ac= cordyng to the estatutes therof made.

¶ And it is further. ✠ Ac etiam de quibuscunq; vicecomitib⁹, Maiorib⁹, Ballliuis, Senescallis, Constabularijs, ac Custodibus Gaolarum, qui in execucione officiorū suorum erga huiusmodi artifices, laboratores. ꝛc. indebite se habuerint aut tepidi, aut negligentes fuerint. i. ye shall en= quire of al maner Shyrefes, Mayres, Baillifes Stewardes, Constables, and Gaylours, whiche in executyng theyr offices agaynst suche crafte= men, labourers. ꝛc. vse them selues vnduely, or be slacke, or negligent. By whiche wordes it ap= pereth that Justicers of peace ought to enquier of the defaultes, omission, & negligence of suche officers, for lacke of due execucion of theyr sayde offices agaynste the persons before named accor= dyng to the statute made agaynste them whiche hereafter shalbe rehersyd.

¶ Then is the cōmission further. Et ad indictā= ments

menta quecunq; tam coram vobis, seu aliquib⁹ vestrum, aut aliis nuper Custodibus et Justiciariis domini Edwardi quarti, Edwar. quinti, et Richardi tercii, nuper de facto et non de iure Regis Anglie, Nemon domini Henrici septimi nuper regis anglie, patris nostri defuncti, huiusmodi felonias, transgressiones, et alia malefacta in comitatu predicto audienda et terminãda assignatis, virtute diuersarũ literarum eorundem E.E.R, et H. vobis aut aliis concessarum, facta et nondũ terminata ꝙ coram vobis et sociis vestris virtute literarũ nostrarum facta, et nondũ terminata, inspicienda/ac ad processus inde versus omnes (quos coram vobis indictari cõtigerit) quoscunq; capiantur, reddantur, vel vtlagentur, faciendũ et continuandũ. i. To ouerse all manner of inditementes whiche hange alwei before you, or any of you, or other the late Justicers of Edwarde the fourthe Edwarde the fyfthe and Richarde the thyrde late kynge of Englande in dede and nat in ryght/and also of Henry the seuynth our father late kynge of Englande deceassid, assygned by them to here and determine suche maner of felonyes, trespassys, and other offencis, by vertue of dyuerse letters patentes grauntyd to you, or other, as also by vertue of our letters patentes to you graũted of thynges done & nat yet determinid, and to make and continue processys therupon agayuste all those (whiche shall happe to be indyted before you) vntyll they be taken, yelded, or outlawyd. By whiche wordes it appeareth playnely that Justicers of peace ought to here and determine all inditementes taken and founden alwell before Justicers of the peace in

the same cõtie made in the tyme of other kyng̃ of whom theyr cõmission maketh any mencion, as before them selues, & to awarde pꝛocesse vpon the same by venire facias, capias, or exigent, as the case shal require) vntyl they be taken, or yelde them selues, or be outlawed. Howbeit Iusticers of the peace haue none auctorytie to delyuer the Gayle but onely of those that be indyted before themselues, or before other Iusticers of peace in the same countie, accordyng to the power gyuen to them by theyr cõmission. For as touchyng thẽ that be indyted before Cõmissioners de Iudiciꝭ et terminando, being in the gayle, they haue no power to arrayne them, nor suche as be in the gayle for suspeccion of felony, but they may enquere of them / and if they be indited before them then may they arrayne suche and delyuer them, if they be acquited / or put them to execucion, if they be founden gyltie. But they can not delyuer suspectes of felony by pꝛoclamaciõ as Iusticers of Gayle delyuerie may. Albeit that no person taken for suspeccyon of felony can be delyuerid by pꝛoclamacion before Iusticers of gayle deliuerie, before that the same pꝛisoner be inquired of before the Iusticers of peace or gayle deliuerie at theyr sessions. And suche persons as be indicted before Iusticers of the peace for pety byrborie may be delyuerid agayne by the same Iusticers, whiche may enioyne thẽ suche penaũce by theyr discrecyon, as to them shall seme conuenient, by imprisonment or otherwyse.

¶ After the cõmission goeth further. ¶ Assignauimus etiam vos. ȝ ſ. ȝ4. ꝛc. et duos vestrũ (quorum aliquem vos pꝛefatos. I. B. et L. vnum esse volumus

volumus) Justiciarios nostros ad felonias pre-
dictas, ac omnia et singula, que per huiusmodi
hostellarios, artifices. ꝛc. ac extorciones ꝫ regra-
tarias predictas, tam ad sectam nostram, ꝑ alior
quorumcunq, coram vobis pro nobis, aut pro
seipsis prosequi volencium, audienda et termi-
nanda. i. We haue also assigned you. ℔. ℌ. ꝛc.
and two of you (of whom we wyll the sayde A.
B. ꝫ C. to be one) our Justicers to here and de-
termine the felonies aforesayde, and all ꝫ euery
thynge cõmytted ꝫ done by the sayde hostellars,
labourers. ꝛc. and all extorcions, and regrataries
toforе mẽcioned alwel at our sute, as of al other
that lyste to sue before you for vs, or for them
selues. By whiche wordes it apperyth that two
Justicers of the peace haue power to enquere of
all the articles expressed in theyr cõmission / albe
it that none of them be Justicers of quorum: yet
can nat the Justicers of peace here ꝫ determine
the articles conteined in theyr cõmission excepte
that one of them be a Justicer of quorum, with
out it be in special cases gyuen by estatutes. Also
they may here and determine in diuerse maners.
For some offẽces they may determine by verdite
of xii. men vpon a trauerse taken to the indites-
ment, or presentment / and some offencis by exa-
minaciõ or cõfession of the parties / whiche shall
appere in the estatutes hereafter folowyng. And
as touching these wordes, tam ad sectam nostrã
ꝑ aliorum. i. alwel at our sute as at others, it is
to be noted that the kynges sute is alwayes by
way of ꝓsentment or Inditemẽt. And the sute of
the party is by informaciõ made to the Justicers.
But that is in speciall cases where the estatute
gyueth

gyueth auctorite to the partie to make infor-macion vnto the Justicers; and that they may here and determine the same informacio, as hereafter shall appere.

¶ Also Justicers of the peace may recorde a riot or an vnlaufull assemble made before them in theyr sessions: ores if they be disturbyd by any with force, coming to theyr sessions, so that they are lettyd to come thyther, they may recorde this force/ & the offendours shalbe cõuicte by the same recorde without any other plẽtmẽt. W.7.H.4.

¶ And by the estatute made the thyrde yere of Henry the.vii. the fyrste chapitre, euery Justicer of the peace is bounden to certefye all recognis-sances of the peace by hym taken, at the nexte ge-nerall sessions holden in the same countie: yet is there no payne lympytted if he do nat certifie/ ne-uertheles if the recognisance be taken for felony, thẽ he is boũde to certefie it at the nexte general sessions vpon the payne of.x.l. Also a Justicer of the peace hathe power to remoue the force, and to recorde the same, and may commytte them to warde by the statute. But they haue no power to take an appeale before them in theyr sessyons by any appyrouour, nor yet to assigne a Corroner vnto him: bycause theyr cõmission extendeth nat so farre: neyther haue they any power to enquire of murder: bycause the same terme is nat expres-sid in theyr cõmissiõ. Howbeit they may enquire therof as felony & manslaughter. Also they haue no power to enquyre of no Treasons but onely of suche as be comprysed within theyr cõmissiõ.

¶ If informacion be made to Justicers of peace that suche persons be wyng suche a ryot in suche

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a place/ vpon the same informacyon, they maye make an assemble of people to take them. And when they be comyn to the place, thoughe they fynde it no ryot, and that the informacyon was false. yet are the Justicers excused of the assẽble bycause that vpon euery suche informacion, it is laufull for them to make suche assembles for the conseruacion of the peace. And muche better it were that suche an assemble shulde be made in vayne, then the peace to be broken for defaulte therof. But if a Justicer of the peace without any informacion thynke in his mynde that certayne persons be doyng a ryot in some place: in this case they may lawfully assemble the people to go & arrest the ryotours: and when they cum thyther, and se them doyng any ryot, then maye they arrest them, and put them in warde/ and so shall they be excused of the assemble. But if they make suche an assemble without any informacion, and(when they cum thyther)do se no person doyng any suche ryot: in that case they shall be punyshed for makyng the assemble. And thys diuersite was agreyd by all the courte. And if a Justicer of the peace se one doyng a riot, he may arrest him, or cõmaunde another by worde to arreste him without any precepte in wrytyng and may record the same: yet the partie shall nat be concludyd therby, but may trauerse it as to say that he dyd no such ryot. And this was thought by all the courte. For if a Justicer of the peace wyll arrest and cõmytte one to warde, and wyll record that he sawe the partie doyng a ryot / in this an accio of trespas lyeth well for the partie agaynst the same Justicer/ or els he myght haue

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made reſcue agaynſt the ſame Juſticer when he was arreſtyd. For there is diuerſyte where one hathe auctorite of recorde to arreſt another, and where he hathe nothyng but the auctorite of the lawe. For if a capias be directyd to the Sheryffe to arreſt one for felony, the party may nat make reſcue, though he be nat gyltie cauſa qua ſupra. But if a ſheriffe wyll arreſt a man for ſuſpeccio of felony, by the ſame auctorite that the lawe gyueth to euery man to arreſt a felon: in that caſe if the party be nat gyltie, he may reſcue him ſelfe & ſo may he do i the caſe of Juſticers of the peace nexte aboue reherſed by the opinion of Fyneux chefe Juſtice. But if one enter with force in any landes or tenemētes, a Juſticer of the peace may go thyther to ſe the force, vpon the ſyght where of he may recorde the ſame, and the partie ſhalbe concluded therby, and ſhall nat pleade nat gylty therto / but that is expreſſely gyuen by eſtatute by al the Juſticers. And if a Juſticer of the peace ſyttyng in place iudiciall, as in the Seſſions, ſe any man doyng ryot, he may commaunde one to arreſt and kepe him, and may make recorde ther of, and the partie ſhalbe concluded by the ſame recorde by the opinion of Fyneux chefe Juſtice, and al his companions. And if two Juſticers of the peace ſe any doyng ryot, they may cōmaunde other to arreſt the ryoteurs, and ſhall make recorde therof, & the partie ſhalbe cōcluded therby. Neuertheles if they ſe nat the ryottes done they can nat recorde them, but they may enquere ther of / by all the courte. yet me ſemeth that if two Juſticers of the peace recorde that they ſawe. A. B. and other cōmytyng ryot in ſom place ſuche

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a daye and yere vpon any person, thoughe that they neuer sawe it, or if there were no suche riot in dede/yet shall the partie be concluded therby. For the viewe of the ryot is neuer trauersable. In lyke maner if one Justicer, or two recorde in theyr Sessions that they sawe certeyne persons doyng a ryot at theyr Sessions: in this case the parties shalbe cõcludyd by that recorde, though that the Justicers sawe it nat, and though that there were neuer any suche ryot: bycause they be Justicers of recorde, and the estatute gyueth to it that auctorite/wherfore the party shal nat be receiued to trauerse the same recorde i any poynt.

¶ A Justicer of the peace, or a lorde of a towne may cõmaunde a labourer to the gayle, if he wyl nat serue/after which the same lorde, or Justicer of the peace, may cõmaunde the gayloure to lette him at large, without any precepte therof made: for by lyke reason that they vpon a suggestion made vnto thẽ, may cõmyt him to warde: by the same vpõ theyr worde they may discharge: cuyn as the Chaũceller of Englãde vpon a suggestiõ made vnto him, may cõmytte one to prison, and cuyn so may discharge hym.

¶ In a Supplicauit dyrectyd to the sheryffe, to Justicers of the peace, to cause one to fynde suretie of the peace: they may awarde theyr precepte vnto another to attache the partie, and to cause him to fynde surety. ꝛc. and so be they dyuers in that case as it sempth / and the suretie muste be taken before the Sheryffe or before the Justicers of peace. And he (to whom suche a precepte is awardyd) hathe no further power, but to cause hym to come before the sheryffe or the

Justicers

Justicers of the peace, to hynder ureticʒ, whiche if he refuse to do, then to arrest him and to sende him to the gayle/as you shall se. T. 9. Edwar. 4. in the tytle of false imprysonment.

¶ Thus endeth the expolicyon of the Cõmissiõ made to Justicers of the peace/and here ensueth theyr othe with a declaracion thereof.

FOR somuche as euery person that shalbe made Justicer of the peace, shalbe swozne & take an othe(when he is constituted)duely to execute his office, accozdyng to the auctõzitie gyuen to him / it is very conuenient that he haue the same alwayes in his remembzaũce, foz the discharge of his conscience, to the entent that he do nothyng that shalbe contrarie to his othe / and foz that cause the tenour of the same othe here ensuyth.

¶ The fourme of the othe.

YOU shall sweare that you as Justicier of the peace in the countie of W. after your cunnyng, wytte and power, shall do egall ryght bothe to ryche and pozr, in all matters touchyng the kynges Cõmission to you dyrectyd, accozdynge to the lawes and customys of the lande, and the estatutes therof made, & that you shall nat be of counsell with any person in any quarel hangyng afoze you/and to kepe your sessions after the fourme of the estatutes therof made / and all issues, tynes, amercimentes, and forfaytures happenyng befoze you, to cause truly to be entryd without any concealynge oz imbesylmẽt, & truly to sende the same vnto the kynges eschequere. And you shal nat surceasse foz fauour

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gyfts or other cause, but truly to do your offyce of Justicer of the peace in that behalfe. And you shal nat take any thynge for doyng your offyce, but of the kynge, & the fees accustomyd, & costes limited by the statute. And you shal nat directe, nor cause to be dyrected any warrāt by you made vnto the parties / but vnto the Bailliffes of the sayde countie, or other the kynges officers, or ministers, or other indifferent persons to make execucio therof. So help you god, & his sayntes.

¶ declaracion of the othe.

By this othe it appereth that they ought to do all thynges apperteynyng to the office of Justicers of the peace / wherof one prynsipall poynte is, that they kepe the quarter Sessions at the dayes and places accustomyd, without there be some spectall cause, or impediment. And when the Jurrours shalbe swoyne, one of the Justicers shall gyue thē a charge to enquere of all suche articles, and thynges, wherof they haue auctorite and ought to enquere, bycause the Jurrours can nat knowe theyr dutye otherwyse then by the charge to them gyuen by the Justicers. And aswell as the Jurours are bounde by theyr othe to make inquery of al thiges wherwith they shalbe chargyd / so wel be the Justicers bounden by vertue of theyr othe which they take when they be made, to gyue them in charge to inquere of all suche articles and thynges, which they haue power to determine, and that specially at euery general quarter Sessions. But at other yreup Sessions, particulerly warnyd, it sempth that they are nat bounden to gyue suche general charge, howbeit it standyth with good equyte,

that the Justicers are nat bounde at suche pryuate and speciall Sessions, but only to enquere and gyue in charge the articles and speciall causes for whiche the Sessions was somonyd and warnyd. Neuertheles if the Jurrours at suche speciall Sessions fynde other matters then be gyuen thē in charge, it is good ynoughe, ozels if the Justicers at suche pryue Sessions gyue thē a generall charge of all artycles, of whiche they haue auctozite to enquere, it is good, s standyth with the lawe. Natwithstādyng in so muche as the Justicers at the generall quarter Sessions are boūdē by theyr othe to enquire of al thynges touchyng the good ozdze and gouernaūce of the inhabitants of the same countis, and for the punyshement of mysdoers, and other offendours, vpon whome auctozite is gyuen to them by the lawes of the lande, and the estatut therof made, it is conuenient and necessarie, that they at the same quarter Sessyons, shall gyue in charge to those persons that shalbe swozne before them, to enquere of felons, and other malefactours, and of all other articles wherof they are bounden to enquere, so that the Jurrours shall nat pretende ignozaunce, noz excuse them selfys, for lacke of knoweledge of suche thynges, as to say that it was nat giuen them in charge to enquere of any suche. And forsomuche as neyther the Justicers of the peace, noz the Jurours shall nat hereafter excuse them by pretense of suche ignozaunce, noz for any defaulte of lernyng, I entende to reherse, and declare the charge, whiche the Justicers of peace are boūden by theyr othe to gyue vnto the Jurours to enquere of, whē they shalbe swozne.

And

And for to kepe a certayne ordre in gyuyng this charge/and to the intent that the Justiceres may the more easely lerne, & knowe to gyue the same, it is conuenient that they begyn to gyue theyr charge, and to inquere of those thynges, whiche be moste heynous to god and man, and after to inquere of those that be moste greuous vnto the kynge and his people/and thyrdely to inquere of those that be moste to the greuance and hurte of the comon welthe and subiectes, of thys realme. And forsomuche as hereSyes, and lollardyes be of all other thynges moste abhominable, & exetrable, to god, and the kynge, and to the inhabytaũtes of this lande, they shal begyn with them, as thynges moste straytly to be loked vpon in the fourme ensuyng.

¶ The fourme of the charge that Justiceres of the peace shal gyue at theyr Sessions.

SYres, you that be swornc cal to remẽbrance your othe, and dutie to god, and the kynge, and the auauncement of Justice, and punyshment of mysdoers for the comon weale, and conseruacion of the peace within this countie.

¶ Heretikes and Lollardes.

1. And fyrste you shal inquere of heretikes, and Lollardes kepyng any opinions contrary to the fayethe of our lorde Jesu Christ, and the doctrine of holy churche/ orels that preache, or informe the people agayust the doctrine of holy churche, and the fayth catholique, and of those also that obserue nat the ceremonies of the churche, but maliciously despyse and contempne them, as to eate flesshe in lente, and nat to obserue the holy dayes, as other christiã people do, or that despise

the sacramentes of the churche, & of suche othes whiche ꝓperly be callyd Lollardes. Also you shal inquere of the mainteinours, receiuoures, fauourers, & vpholders, of suche Heretikes, Lollardes, & wrytters of theyr boks/ & of theyr sermõs scoles conuenticles, and confederacies. An. 2. H. 5. ca. 7.

¶ Churchyardes.

2. Also ye shal enquire of them that kepe fayres or marketꝭ in Churchyardes, or in other placis dedicate to god. wynchester Capi. 10.

¶ Counterfeatyng of money.

3. Also ye shall enquire of all suche treasons, whereof we haue auctorite to enquere, as Iusticers of the peace, as of counterfeatynge the coyne of the lãde, and the brynging of suche false money into this realme/ and of clyppynge, washyng, and euery other falsefyeng of the layde money. Anno. 3. Henrici. 7. Capi. 7.

4. Also ye shal enquire of those that falsely counterfayte the coyne of other realmes, whiche are suffered to be currant within this realme by the kynges assent. Anno. 22. Henrici. 8. Capi 9.

¶ Menacing to burne houses.

5. Also ye shall enquire of thẽ that make billys cõmaundyng any persons in the same to lay diuerse greate summes of money in places where suche malefactours may lyghtly cary thẽ away, and be nat taken/ whiche sũmes if they laye nat in the place assygned at the day. &c, that thẽ they wyll burne theyr houses, or do the moste outragious, vengeance that they can / all suche busynynges of houses in thys case shalbe adiudgyd hyghe treason. Anno. 8. Henrici. 6. Capi. 6.

There be also many other kyndes of treasons

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alwell hyghe, as pety, as apperyth by the statute of Anno. 27. of Edwarde the thyrde ca. 2. and the statutes made in the. 25 of Henry the. 8 & 26. of Henry the 6. of the whiche Justicers of the peace haue no auctoryte to enquire. And therfore they be nat wryttē nor to be gyuen in charge here.

¶ Murdre.

6. Then the greatyst offēce nexte vnto treason is Murdre/and therfore you shall iquire therof. Neuertheles ye shall vnderstande that Justicers of the peace haue none auctorite to enquire of Murdre as it is in his proyre nature, but of mā slaughter as a thynge felonously don by chaūce medley, they may enquire: for Murdre is nat expressid in the cōmissiō. But forasmuche as curry Murdre cōteynyth felony in it selfe, therfore if a mā be indited afore Justicers of the peace for the Murdre of another, whom he of malyce prepensyd lyeng in awayte dyd kyll, suche a daye and yere. ꝛc. in thys case the Justicers may arrayne him vpon the same inditement as for felony, but if the kynge haue pardonyd suche a person of al felonyes by acte of parliamēt, or by his charter, nowe he shal nat be arraynyd therupon, bycause the kynge hathe pardonyd him the felony. And before Justicers of the kynges benche, he shall nat be arrayned vpon an inditement founde before Justicers of the peace of suche Murdre/ by cause they haue none auctoryte to enquyre of Murdre. But if suche an inditement of Murdre be taken. Super visum corporis, though it so be that the kynge by parliamente, or by his chartre do pardon him/al felonyes and manslaughters, yet shal he be arrayned of Murdre vpō the same

Inditement before the Justicers of the kynges benche. And so apperyth the dyuersyte bytwene Murdre, and manslaughter, of whiche the one cõmyth by malyce prepensyd, and the other but by chaunce.

¶ Rape.

7. The most greate offence nexte vnto murdre semyth to be Rape, whiche is to rauysshe a woman agaynst her wyll/& therfore ye shall enquire of them that rauysshe any womã maryed, mayde or other woman/where she dyd nat assent before, for though she consente after the acte done, yet is it felony. Westminster. 2. Capi. 4.o.

¶ Takers of women agaynste theyr wyll.

¶ Moreouer ye shall enquire of them that take any woman agaynste her wyll, whether she be mayde, wyfe, or wydowe/all suche takers, theyr procurers, abbettours, and receiuours therin, and knowyng therof, shalbe adiudged principal felons. Anno. 3. H. 7. Capi. 2.

¶ Robbory.

8. Furthermore ye shall enquire of those that Robbe any person goyng, or rydyng by the way or otherwyse / and whyther fresche suyte be made therupon according to the statute of winchestre/ which wylleth that from towne to towne, from countre to countre suyte shalbe made. And if the countre can nat answere for suche mysdoers, the payne shalbe suche that euery countre. i. the people dwelling in the countre shal answere for the hurtes, and Robboryes don/ so that all the hundred where the Robbory shalbe don, or the fraunchyse within the hundred, shall answere for the Robbory, And if it be don in the diuision of two

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hūdredes, bothe hūdredes togyther, or the frank chyfe within them shalbe answerable, and that within one halfe yere after. And some bokes be, within.xl.dayes nexte after the Robborie done.

¶ The Cōmission of the peace gyueth also auctorite to Justicers of the peace to enquire of all maner of Felonies, whiche were at the comon lawe/and some thynges be made felonyes by dyuers estatutes.

¶ Felonie.

9. Fyrste of al ye shal enquire of those felonies whiche be at the comon lawe, as of those that felonously take any goodes or catelles to the value of.xii ð.and more, that is felonie. And if any felonously take at one tyme any goodes to the value of vi.ð.and aswuche at another tyme nowe the same two togyther maks the Felony suche, that the taker shalbe hanged therfore. But if he felonously take goodes at one tyme to the value of xi.ð.ob. that shall nat be suche Felony for whiche he shalbe hangyd, but he shall haue payne, and correccion, by discrecion of the Justicers (if he be endited therupō; for it is callyd petty bytbory. But if one robbe another of goodes, but to the value of a peny, he shalbe hangyd.

¶ Burglarie.

10. Also ye shall enquire of Burglaries. And Burgloures are properly suche as felonously in the tyme of peace breke any house, churche, walles, towers, or gates, for the which the offēdour shalbe hāgyd, albeit that he carie nawghe away. But it behoueth that he haue a felonous entent to robbe, kylle, or to do some other felony.

¶ Voluntaris Eskapes.

¶ 11. ye shal inquire also of Gaylours, and other whiche haue in theyr keppyng any persons for felony, & after wyllingly let them at large at theyr libertie/this is a voluntary Eskape, and it is felony. But if one eskape out of warde agaynste the wyll of suche as haue them in keppyng: then is it but a negligent eskape, and finable at the discrecion of the Justyceers.

¶ Reskuyng of Felons.

¶ 12. Also yf those that reskue any felon from the Sherysse, Gaylour, or other officers, or person that hathe taken one for felony, and hathe hym in keppyng/he that taketh and reskueth the felon from the partie that hathe taken suche a felon and hathe him in keapyng, is a felon. And so it semyth that if one wyll take and arrest another for felony/and some other person wyl not suffre the offendour to be taken or arrestyd, but wyll reskue him: suche reskous is felony by the comen lawe, though that the party was neuer arrestid. And lykewyse if one wyll breake the Gayle and let the felons in the pryson go at large / that is felony in it selfe by the comon lawe. But in the prisoners it was neuer felony vntyl the statute de Frangentibus prisonam was made.

¶ Takyng of Doues and Pecockes.

¶ 13. Also of those that felonously take any Doues Pecockes, Fysshe, beyng in a Douehouse, pen, trelike, or cesterne. And so is the takyng of a tame Weare, knowing the same to be tame: otherwyse it is of fyshe beyng in a stewe.

¶ Accessories.

¶ 14. Also of those that be Accessories to felons, or murderars/and of suche as procure or counsell any

any person to do felony or murdre: if the person do the same felony then is he that procuryd abettyd or counsellyd the same to be done, accessory to the felony. And so after a Murdre or Felony done, if another person knowyng the same felon or Murderar to haue done the same Felony or Murdre, do ayde comforte, rescue, or lodge him: suche a person is Accessorie to the same felony or Murdre. And specially those that be receitours of felons ought moste of all to be ponyshed. For comunche as the same is a greate occasion wherby felons do dayly encrease and multeplye, and are put in greate courage to cõmytte suche felonies by reason of suche receyptes, when they knowe where to haue succour.

¶ Felonies by estatute.

15. Nowe muste we charge you to enquire of suche felonies as are made by dyuers estatutes. And of some of them I haue made rehersall before, & gyuen ye in charge to enquire of. And therfore ye shal enquire of them that takes vpon thẽ to be the kynges puruayours takyng beastes or other vitayle for the kyngs house without warrant, and carie suche thynges away against the wyl of thẽ to whom they longe/that is felony. Also theyr warrãt ought to be vnder the kynges greate seale. 4. E. 3. Capi. 3.

¶ Puruiours for the kynge.

16. Also of those Puruiours and Byers that take thepe before the tyme of sherynge/ except so many as may reasonably suffyse vnto the tyme of sherynge, and take afterwardes so many thepe beyng thoyne as may suffice for the time to come. And if any taker or byer do the contrarie, it is

felony.25.Edwardi.3.Capi.15.

17. Also of Takers of cariages, and byers of vittayles for the kynges his house if they take more cariage or vittayle then they haue delyuered to the kynges house, and haue nat payed for that they haue taken, that is felony, and extendyth alwell agaynst puruetours for the kynges greate horses, as other takers and byers of vytayles. 36. Edwardi.3.Capi.4.

¶ Puruceyours for lordes ladyes.

18. Also of those that be puruceyours for other Lordes or Ladyes for vittaylle cariage or other thynges, whiche make pryces agaynste the wyll of them that owe suche thynges: for they muste bye suche thyngs wherof they haue nede, of those that wyll sell the same thynges wyllyngly. And therfore muste they paye redy money in hande as they can agre. And if they do otherwyse it is felony. 26. Edwardi.3. Capi. 6. & 7. R. 2. Capi. 8.

¶ Puruetoyes for the kynges
housholde seruauntes.

19. Also where it is ordeyned that none of the kynges house haue any puruetour or forgoer to make puruetáce, or to take ought for any of the kynde house, but that they shall bye it, that them nedeth of those that wyll sell the same of theyr owne good wyl/and to pay therfore in hande as they can agre, if they do otherwyse it is felony. 26. Edwardi.3.Capi.5.

¶ Kepars of prysons.

20. Also of kepers of prysons, and vnderkepers whiche by dures and payne compell any prysoner in theyr kepyng to becum an appeachour ageynst theyr wyll, that is felony. 14. Ed.3.Ca.9.

Stealyng

¶ Stealyng of Haukes.

22. Also ye shall inquere of the that have lost: den any Faucon, Tarcelet, Lanret, Dustour, or other hauke loste by his meyster, and hathe nat brought the same to the Shyreff: to make proclamacion in all the good townes of the shyre that he hathe suche an hauke in his keppynge so that it maye be knowen to the owner, or to his falconers. For it is ordeynid that if any steale an hauke, and carie it away nat doyng as afore is sayde, it shalbe done with him as with a Felon. 37. Edwardi. 3. Capi. 9.

¶ Multepliers.

23. Also of them that vse to Multeplie golde or syluer, or that practyse the arte of Multiplicacion/for that is felony. 2. Hen. 4. Capi. 4.

¶ Cuttynge of tongues.

23. Also of them that purposely & of prepensyd malice cutte the tōgues, or w out the eyes of any the kynges subiectes, that is felony. 5. H. 4. ca. 5.

¶ Galy halfepens.

24. Also of thole that Coyne make by, or bryng into the realme any Galyhalfepēs, Sushyns, or dodkyns for to sell and spue in payment within this lande, that is felonie. 3. Henrici. 5. Capi. 1.

¶ Masons.

25. Also where by the yerely congregacions and confederacies made by Masons in theyr generall chapiters, and metynges, the effecte of the statute of labourers is broken: it is ordeynyd that if any suche be made they that be the assemblers and gatherers of suche chapiters & congregacions are and shalbe adiudgid felons, and the other Masons that cum to the shalbe punyshed by

by ympryſonment, fyne, & raunſom at the kynges pleaſure. 5. Henrici 6. Capi. I.

¶ Imbeſylment of Recoꝛdes.

26. Alſo of thoſe that imbeſyll, take away, cõ-uey, oꝛ wyllyngly auoyde any Recoꝛde, oꝛ parcell of wꝛytte, retourne, panell pꝛocceſſe, oꝛ warrant of Attourney in the kynges courtes / that is to wete in the Chauncery, Eſchequer, Treaſoꝛie, oꝛ in any of the benchys, wherby any iudgemẽt is reuerſyd, that is felony. Alſo ye ſhall inquere of theyꝛ pꝛocuratours, counſellours, and abbet-tours, foꝛ they be felons, and acceſſoꝛies therto. 8. Henrici. 6. Capi. I2.

¶ Houldyours.

27. Alſo of Houldyours whiche haue receyu-ed theyꝛ wages, oꝛ parcell therof by theyꝛ capi-taynes, and haue muſtryd, and theyꝛ names en-tryd / whiche departe from theyꝛ capitayne with-in theyꝛ terme without ſyckenes oꝛ other impe-dyment, whiche they ought to certefy foꝛthwith to theyꝛ capitayne, and repaye him theyꝛ wages ſo that he may pꝛouyde himſelfe of other Houl-dyours in theyꝛ ſtede, that is Felony if they de-parte in any other maner from theyꝛ capitayne. I8. Henrici. 6. Capi. vltimo.

¶ Wolles.

28. Alſo of them that carie oꝛ cauſe to be caried any Wolles, oꝛ wollefellis cuſtomable, out of the realme at any other place thẽ at Caleys without the kynges lycẽſe: foꝛ ỳ is felony. I8. H. 6. ca. I5.

¶ Hunters.

29. Alſo of them that hunte by nyght with vi-ſers, oꝛ paynted faces, oꝛ otherwyſe be diſgyſed in parkes, foꝛeſtes, oꝛ chaſes, if they colour the ſame

same when they be examined by Justicers of the peace/or wyl nat tell of any person that was in theyr company/that is felony. And ye shall inquire further of suche as haue made resrous agaynste any persons to whom the Justicers of the peace dyrectyd theyr warrant to take suche misdoers to be examyned of suche maner of huntynge/for that is felony. 1. Henrici. 7. Capi. 7.

¶ Breakers of pryson.

30. Also of them that be in pryson for felony or suspeccion of felony, and after breake the pryson for that is felony.

¶ Blankes.

31. Also of them that paye or receyue for payment money within the realme callyd Blankes/ for that is felony. 2. Henrici 6. Capi. 9.

¶ Seruauntes.

32. Also of Seruauntes passyng the age of.xviii. yeres, beyng no Apprentyces, to whom any Lasshettes, Juels, goodes, or Cattelles be delyueryd by theyr maysters to kepe, whiche ablent themselues from theyr sayde maysters, and go away with the same goodes, or any parte of them to the intent to steale the same, or to defraude theyr sayde maysters therof/ or els beyng in seruyce do imbesyll the same goodes without the assent or cõmaundement of theyr sayde maysters, or conuerte them to theyr owne vse with lyke purpose of stelyng: so ỳ the sayde goodes excede the value of.xl.s. and aboue/that is felony: in whiche case the gry shalbe put out of his clergy. 21. H. 8. ca. 7

¶ Clerkys conuicte.

33. Also of Clerkys conuicte of felony beyng in the pryson of any ordynaryes that wylfully breake

and

and escape out of prysō: euery suche breache and escape is felony, in whiche they shall lese theyr clergy. 23. Henrici. 8. Capi. 11.

¶ Hoyles.

34. Also of those that sell exchaunge or delyuer within the realme of Scotlande, or in the groūde called the batable grounde betwene Englande and Scotlāde to the vse of any Scotte, any hoyles, geldynges, or mares without the kynges lycense had vnder hys greate seale: or that sell exchaunge, or delyuer in Englande Wales, or Berwyke any hoyle geldyng or mare to any Scot to be conueyed into Scotlāde without the kynges lycense vnder his greate seale, for that is felony. 3. Henrici. 8. Capi. 16.

¶ Buggerie.

35. Also of thē that cōmyt the moste abominable vyce of Buggerie: for that is Felony in whiche case the partie shall lese his clergie. 25. H. 8. Ca. 6

¶ Forestars.

36. Also of Forestars & other persons in Wales and in the Marches thereof, whiche take of the kynges subiects or any of the kynges ampte passyng or repassyng thorough the forestes there, any tolle, custome, exaccion or other impoſicion for theyr passages or carriages: for that is felonye. xxvii. Henrici. viii. Capi. vii.

¶ Sentuary men.

37. Also of Sentuary persons for felony, whiche departe out of the places (where they lodge) at any tyme, and haue not vpon theyr vpper garment a badge or conusance assygned by the gouernour of the same sentuarie of the lengthe and bredthe of. x. ynches, or if they were any buyer, dagger,

dagger, or other weapō at any time but at their meales: or if they be out of their lodgynges after the sonne sette, & before the sonne ryseng at the seuerall tymes, and be taken out of their house or lodgyng, that is Felony. xxvii. H. viii. Ca. xix.

¶ Extorcion.

38. The greatest offence nexte vnto felony as it semyth is Extorcion done by Shyrefes & other officers whiche be sworne to execute their offices duely. For so ofte as they do Extorcion, so often they cōmytte periurie, which is a greuous offence vnto god. And Extorcion is nothyng els but spoyle and robborie done by colour of office whiche is as greate a losse & offence to the same person, to whom it is done) as is the stealyng of any goodes or catteles from him. And therfore ye shall enquire of the extorcions of Shyrefes because they be the chefe ministers of our courte for the administracion of Justyce / and whether they execute their offices duely or nat.

¶ Here folowyth incydently the office and authorite of Shyrefes and what paynes the lawe appoynteth agaynste them for the vndue execucion of their offices.

What the office of a Shyrefe is, hereafter shall more playnly appere: but to speake in a generalitie hys office is, ryghtuously and duely to retourne all writs and preceptes to hym dyrected / and truely to execute the same accordyng as he shalbe cōmaunded in the same writtes & preceptes. And that he take nothyng of any person for doyng his office, but the due

the due and accustomyd fees to him belongyng. And that he duely holde and kepe his counties, courtes, and turnes accordyng to the due cours of the lawe. Upon these thre poyntes dependyth the hole charge and effecte of his office.

¶ The office of the Shyrefe is to retourne, good, sufficiēt, and reasonable issues vpon suche persons as haue sufficyent goodes or landes accordyng to the estatute of westminster.ii. Capi. xxix. 2.i. Edwardi.iii. Capi. v.

¶ The Shyrefe ought to take the enditementes founde before hym in his Turne by Indenture/ and so shall Baylliffes of fraunchyses/ one parte wherof shall remayne with the inditours, ii. Edwardi, iii. Capi. xvii.

¶ The Shyrefe may arrest men rydyng or goyng armyd, and cōmitte them to prison, there to remayne at the kynges pleasure. ii. Edwardi iii. Capi. v. at Northampton.

¶ Shyrefes and vndershyrefes shall receyue writtes in every place within the countie without takyng ought, and shal make a bill whiche if they refuse, other that be presente shall put to theyr seales. And if they retourne nat the same writtes, they shalbe ponyshed, and shall rendre damages to the partie. 2. E. 3. ca. 5. at Northāp.

¶ Shyrefes and Gaylours shal receyue theues indited or take wt the maner without takyng any thynge for the receyte. 4. Edwardi. 3. Ca. 10.

Shyrefes shall leasse theyr Hundredes and wapentakes after the olde ferme, and nat aboue. 4. Edwardi. 3. Capi. 15. et 14. Capi. 8.

¶ Shyrefes ought to arrest persons suspecte of felony goyng by nyght, or by daye whiche be of

ynyll fame.xi. Edwardi.iii.Capi.xiiii.

¶ The Shyrefle in one cofitie ſhal haue no mo bayliffes errant but one.14. Edwar.3.Capi.8.

¶ Shyrefles ought to kepe theyr tournes euery yere within a moneth after Eaſter, and within a moneth after Mighelmas.31.E.3.Capi.14.

¶ Shyrefles that leute iſſues fynes & amerciamentes in the counte, ought to haue therrentrys enſeatyd with the ſeale of the eſchequer / ſo that as muche as is payed maye be tolled. And if any ſhyrefle or miniſtre do the cõtrarie, he ſhal rendre to the partie treble damages, and ſhal make fyne to the kynge/ and the ſute herof may be alwell afore Juſticers of the peace/as before other Juſticers. 42.Edwardi.3.Capi.9.

¶ The Shyrefles ſhall arraye the panelles of Aſſyſes foure dayes before the ſeſſions at the leſt vpon payne of xx.ſ. And Bayliffes of liberties ſhall make retourne to the Shyrefles fyr dayes before the Seſſions, vpon the ſame payne, xii. Edwardi.iii.Capi.xi.

¶ The ſhyrefle ought to examine loyterers and vagarantes, and compell them to fynde ſuretie of theyr good behauioure by ſufficient mainpris of ſuche as be diſcretnable, if any vſaulte be foſdon in ſuche vagarand. And if they can nat fynde ſuche ſuretie then to commande them to the nexte gayle there to remayne vntyll the cõmyng of the Juſticers of Gayle delyuerie, they to do with ſuche vagarantes as they ſhal thynke beſte. xii. Richardi.ii.Capi.xii.

¶ The ſhyrefle ſhalbe bounden foure tymes in the yere to make proclamacion of the eſtatute of Wynchefire in euery hundred of his Bayliwyke.

¶ The Shyrefe ought to take swerdes, daggers, and hangardes from seruauntes labourers, and seruauntes of crafftes men, victaylers that weare them, onles it be in the tyme of warre, or when they labour in the countre with theyr maisters or vpon theyr busynes. And the shyrefe shal kepe the same weapons, whiche they shal present vnto the Justicers of the peace at theyr sessions the names of the that bare the. xii. H. ii. ca. vi.

¶ Shyrefes ought to receyue labourers, seruauntes, beggars, and vagabounides, and them deteyne in prison without bayle or mayneprise, and without fee or takynge any thynge at theyr entre or goyng out of prison/vpon payne to forfayte. C. li. to the kynge. xii. Ricardi. ii Capi. ix.

¶ Shyrefes and other ministers of the kynge so sone as they shall haue knowledge of assemblies and ryottes with outragious noumbre of people, ought with the power of the shyre to go and make resystence agaynste suche malyce with all theyr strengthe and shall attache suche mysdoers and kepe them in prison vntyl the due punysshmente of the lawe be executyd vpon them. And all maner of lordes, and other the kynges true liege men ought to be assysted with al theyr power and strengthe to ayde the Shyrefe and other ministers therin. xvii. Ricardi. ii. Ca. viii.

¶ Shyrefes ought to be personnally dwelling in theyr Baylewykes for the tyme/and they shal nat let them to farme. 4. Henrici. 4. Capi. 5.

¶ Shyrefes ought to se vprouyde that neither theyr vndershyrefes, Baylliffes, Clerkes, nor Receyuoures, shalbe Attourneis in the kynges courte, for the tyme of theyr office. i. H. 5. Ca. 4.

Shyrefes

¶ Shyref ought to let to mainprys ꝑsons indi
ted of herefy, & lollardy which ar in theyr keping
within .x. dayes vnder good suerty / so ꝓ they ap
pere before ꝓ ende of the sayde .x. dayes. 2. H. 5. ca. 7
¶ Shyref shal cause the statute of purueiours
to be proclaymyd foure tymes in the yere / vpon
payne to forfaite. C. ℔. for euery tyme ꝓ he fayleth
so to do. And vpō lyke paine shal deliuer the same
to hys successour to be proclaymed. 1. H. 6. Ca. 2.
¶ Shyrefes muste make due electiō of knyghtꝭ
of the parliament. 6. Henrici. 6. Capi. 4.
¶ Shyref must retourne suche ꝑsons knyghtꝭ
of the parliamēt, whiche be chose by the greater
numbre of the freholders dwellyng in the cōtie
whiche may expende .xl. ℔. yerely aboue al charg. .
And that those knyghtꝭ be dwellyng within the
same countie. And that he exampne euery freholder
der at suche elections vpon a boke, howe muche
he may expende. And if any Shyrefe retourne
other knyght he shal forfayte. C. ℔. to the kynge,
and shall haue one yeres imprisonment without
baylle or mainprys.
¶ Shyrefes vpon a precepte made vnto them
by Justicers of the peace to enquire of forceyble
entre, shall retourne vpon euery of the Jurrours
xx. s. in pynes at the fyrste dayes. And Justicers of
the peace shall here and determyne suche defaul
tes of Shyrefes by bylle at the sute of the partie,
or by indictemēt. And they shal lese .xx. ℔. for euery
defaulte. And he that wyll sue shall haue the one
halfe. viii. Henrici. vi. Capi. ix.
¶ To auoyde Robberies and spoyles vpon the
kyuer of Seuerne, and by the costes of the forest
of Dean, and the hundredes of Wlodstoom, and

Westbury in the countie of Glocestre, the Shyr-
effes of Glocestre or the Baylieff⁹ of the towne
of Glocestre after notificacyon made to any of
them of suche iniuries, and damages, by the par-
ties greuid/within foure dayes after suche noti-
ficacyon made shall make proclamacyon at the
towne of Glocestre, that suche offendoures with
in.xv.dayes after suche proclamacio, shal restore
vnto the parties endamagyd theyr goodes so ta-
ken, or the value, with a reasonable amendes.
The sayde Shyriffe or Bayliffes to forfayte.xx
li. if they fayle so to do. 13. Henrici. vi. Capi. xxvii.

¶ The Shyriffe of Herforde neyther i his turne
nor in any other place after the turne endyd shal
take any enquiry, or inquest of office, whiche
ought nat to be take there. Neyther shal he take
any fyne or amerciament for thynges nat apper-
teynyng to his office or Tourne/ vpon payne to
forfayte. x. li. 13. Henrici. vi. Capi. vii.

¶ Shyriffes ought to retourne in attayntys in
ple of lande of the yerely value of. xl. s. or in an
accion for dedes concernyng landes of suche va-
lue/and in accions of the same of. xl. li. and more/
those persons dwellyng withi theyr baylliwyke
whiche may expende. xx. li. yerely above al charg⁹
for terme of lyfe at the leaste, out of auncient de-
mesne, Gauelkynde, and the. v. poyntes. And at the
fyrste distresse. xl. s. and at the seconde. c. s. and the
double value of euery other dystres agaynst the
Iurrours/ vpon payne of. x. li. to the kynge / and
asmuche to the party. And if there be nat suffy-
cient persons dwellyng within the countie whi-
che may expende. xx. li. yerely: the shal they impanel
other persons of the moste sufficient possession of

yerely

yerely value of landes, and tenementes within the value of. xx.l. vpon payne to forfayte. x.l. to the kynge, & to the partie aggrieued in the fourme aforesayde. xv. Henricl. vi. Capi. v.

¶ The Shyreffe or vndershyreffe of Herforde muste arreste suche persons of Wales or the marches therof, whiche be outlawed of treason, or felony, whō the sayde Shyreffe knowyth or seyth to be in any place within the sayde countie, and to bringe them to the gayle. And if any suche person beyng indyted do disobey or flye away, the sayde Shyreffe shall lewie hue and crye & pursue him vpon payne to make fyne and raunsome to the kynge. xxiii. Henricl. vi. Capi. v.

¶ The shyreffe shal nat occupy his office aboue one yere, and if he so do, then to forfayte. xx.l. and euery pardon for suche offences shalbe voyde, any wordes put in suche letters patentes notwithstandyng. Also he that presumpth to occupy the same office aboue one yere by force of suche letters patentes, shalbe disabled to be shyreffe in any other shyre afterwarde. 23. Henricl. 6. Capi. 8.

¶ No shyreffe shall let to ferme his countie, nor any of his bayliewyke hundredes or wapentakes.

¶ No shyreffe, bayliffe of fraunchyse, ne other officer, shall retourne in any panell any of hys bayliffes, officers, or theyr seruauntes.

¶ No shyref, nor any other to his vse shal take ought of any person to be arrested or attached, nor to surceasse of any arreste or attachement to be made by the body. Nor shal take ought of any person arrested, or attached for fyne, fee, fute of prison, maynprise, letting to bayle, or for shewing any fauour or ease to any suche person beyng so

arrestyd / excepte it be as here folowyth/ that is
to wete to the shyrrefe. xx. ð. to the baylyffe that
made the arreste. iiii. ð. and to the gaylour if the
prisoner be cõmytted to warde. iiii. ð.

¶ The shyrrek him selfe nor any other to his vse
shall nat take any thynge for the makyng of any
retourne or pancll/ but for the copy of the pancll
iiii. ð. Howbeit they vse to take. ii. ð. for the re-
tourne of a pancll: but ỳ semyth to be extorcion.

¶ Shyrrefes ought to let out of prysone all per-
sons kyng in theyr warde, by force of any wrytte
byl or warrant in any accion personal, or indite-
ment of trespas vpon reasonable suretie beyng
sufficient in the countie to kepe theyr dayes in
the places as the sayde bylles wrytte, or war-
rantes require, except suche as be condempnyd,
outlawyd, or excõmunicate, or for suretie of the
peace, or by the cõmaundement of any Justyces.
and vagabounde whiche refuse to serue.

¶ Also shyrrefes ought nat to take any obliga-
cions for any thynge above mencionyd, or by co-
lour of theyr offyce but only to thẽselfe / nor of
any persõ beyng in theyr warde, but by the name
of theyr offyce/as by the name of Shyrrefe in the
obligacion/vpon condicion that the parties shal
appere at the dayes conteynyd in the wrytte/in
suche places as the bylles, wrytte, or warrant
requyre. And if any obligacion be taken of any
person by colour of theyr offyce in any other
fourme, it shalbe voyde.

¶ Shyrrefes shall nat take for any obligacyon
warrant or precepte by thẽ to be made, any more
then. iiii. ð

¶ Shyrrefes muste make theyr deputies yerely

in the kyng' court, that is to wete in the Chaū-cery, the benche, and the eschequer of recorde be-fore they retourne any wrytte.

¶ Shyrefs that do contrarie to this ordinaūce in any poynte shall lese to the partie greuyd treble damag'/and shal forfayte.xl.li. for euery tyme that they shal so offende, the one halfe to the kyng the other to him that wyll sue. 23. Hen. 6. Ca. 10.

¶ Shyrefes when wrytes be dyrected vnto them to leuie the expensys of knyghts of the parliament, muste make proclamacion at the nexte countie after the deliuerāce of the same wrytes, that the Coroners, Constables, and Bayliffes of hundredes shalbe there to assesse theyr wages, vpon payne of. xl.s. what tyme they shall assesse euery hundred at a certayne sūme by it selfe/ and after they shal assesse euery village wyn the same hundred at a certayne summe by it selfe. And if they be otherwyse assessyd, for euery defaulte, they shall forfayte.xx.li. The one halfe whereof shalbe to the partie that wyll sue. And the shyref shall leuie the same duely, and shal paye it to the knyghtes of the parlyament vpon payne of xx.li. And the partie that wyl sue shal haue his accion by Scire facias, and shall haue.x.li. aboue the.xx. li. with treble damages. 23. Henrici. 6. Capi. 22.

¶ The shyref after the delyuerie of any wryt to make election for the knyghtes of the parliamēt, muste make a sufficient precepte vnder his seale to euery Mayre, Baylyf of Cities and Boroughes within the countie, them cōmaundynge to electe Cytezins, and Burgesses to come vnto the par-liament. And the sayde Mayre and Baylyf shal truly retourne the same precepte to the shyref by

indenture betwene them for the election and names of them that are so chosen. And the shyref is bounde to make a good & true retourne of euery suche wrytt, and of euery retourne made to hym by the Mayre and Bayliffe. And for euery tyme that the shyreffe shall do contrary to this or any other statute made for the electyon of shyref, to com vnto the pliament he shal incurre the payne of one. £. l. to the kynge, and a peris imprisoment without bayle. And moreouer shall pay vnto the plou so beyng chosē knyght, Cytezyn, or Burges and nat duely retourned: or to any other person whiche in defaulte of suche Knyghte, Burgesse, or Cytezin wyll sue therfore, one hundred poūde to be recouerd by accyon of dette.

¶ And the shyref ought to make suche elections in the full countie betwene the hour of. viii. & ix. before none/ and to make a good & true retourne of suche elections vpon payne to forfayte. £. l. to the kynge, and asmuche to the partie that wyll sue therfore agaynste the shyreffes, theyr executours, or administres. xviii. Henrici. vi. Ca. xv.

¶ Shyreffes in theyr tournes ought to inquire, here and determyne, if any minister, of the warden of the courte in the marches of Scotlād: or if any other arreste any person by his body, or attache him by hys goodes out of the counties of Northumberland, Cumberlande, and Westmerlāde, and the towne of Newcastel to answere in any of the sayde courtes: oyeis by colour or cause of any proceste in the sayde courtes: for in suche arrestys it shalbe lawfull for euery man to make reſistence. And the party greuyd shal haue an accion of false imprisonment or trespas, and shall

recouer

ceyuer treble damages therfore / and the defendent shall haue two yeres emprysonment. And the Iuyge shal haue power to procede therupon, aswel as vpon a presentment made in his turne. xxxi. Benedict. vi. Capi. ii.

¶ Where as some men by dissimulacion & other meanes fayne them selues to be louers to women vnmaryed as Widdens, or wydowes hauynge greate possession and substance of goodes / & get suche women in to their possession, and conuey them into suche places, from whence they will not suffre thé to go at their liberte, except they will make to them obligacions of grete sómes to be payed vnto them / or cause them to be bounden in estatute marchaund / or sometyme will compell them to be maryed at their pleasure, whiche if they refuse, then to leute vpon them the sómes contenid in the same obligacions and statutes: it is ordeined that the partie greuyd shall haue a writ out of the Chauncery comprysing the hole matter of their vnreasonable intreatyng directid to the Iuyge cómaundyng him to make proclamacion at the next Counte after the receyte of the writte that the offendour shall appere at a certayne day and place prefixed in the writte before the Chauncellour, or the Iusticers of Assyse of the shyre where suché offences shall hap to be done or before some other person assigned by the Chauncellour. And the Iuyge to whome suche a writte shalbe directyd, shal execute the same accordynge to the tenour therof / vpon payne of C C C li. the one halfe to the kynge, the other to him that wyl sue therfore by writ of dette, wherin no wager of lawe, protecciō, nor essoyne ple (to

cause the matter to be tryed in another countie then where the wrytte is brought) shalbe alowid xxxi. Henrici. vi. Capi. ix.

¶ Upon euery inditement or presentment take before shyrefs or they⁹ ministers in they⁹ turnes, or lawe dayes, they shal deliuer the same inditementes and presentmẽtes to the Justicers of the peace at they⁹ nexte sessions upon payne of xl.li. And the Justicers of the peace shal awarde processe upon the same alwell as if they had ben taken before themselues / and shall arrayne those that be so indicted of felony, and shall sette fynes upon suche as be indyted of trespas, the extreat of whiche fynes shalbe inrolled by indenture, and deliuered vnto the same shyrefes or ministers.

¶ And if any shyrefes or they⁹ ministres arrest or attache any person by colour of any suche inditement or presentmẽt in they⁹ turnes or lawe dayes / or els take any fyne or amerciament therfore, afore they haue processe from the Justicers of the peace, or afore the extreatys out of the inditementes shalbe deliuered / they shall forfayte. C.li. the moyte wherof shalbe to the partie suing therfore by a wrytte of dette in which no wager of lawe nor protectiõ shalbe alowid. I. E. 4. ca. viii.

¶ Upon an informacion made to Justicers of peace, or to other Justicers agaynste any person for retcinynge or gayning of liuerees / or agaynste any that is retcined or takyth liuere / the Justicers shall make processe therupon, as upon a recouerie of dette or trespas. And if the shyrefe in any sute grounded therupon agaynst any persõ bring sufficient, retourne any icsse issues, then xx.li. at the fyrste dayes of the diffresse, and at the

seconde

seconde day .xxx. ß. and at the thyrde day .xl. ß. and so at euery daye after, more by .x. ß in issues / for euery suche retourne he shall forfayte .xx. ß. viii. Edwardi .iiii. Capi. ii.

¶ The olde shyref shal haue power to retourne writtes, and to execute his office during the termes of S. Mychel, and Hillarie, after the yere, of his layde office expyred / onles he be lawfully discharged therof before. 17. Edwardi. 4. Capi. 6.

¶ No shyref, nor other officer shall lease or take the goodes of any person beyng arrestyd or imprisoned for felony vntyll the same person be duely cõuicte or attaynted of the same felony by courte of the comon lawe / or except the same goodes be otherwyse lawefully forfayted / vpon payne to forfayte the double value of the goodes so taken to the partie greuyd suyng therfore by accõ of dette / wherin no wager of lawe, essoyne nor protection shalbe allowid. 1. Richar. 3. Ca. 5.

¶ No Bayliff nor other officer in any panell within any countie of this realme shal retourne any person to be put in or vpon any Inquirie in the turnes of shyrefes, but suche as be of good name & fame hauing freholde to the yerely value of .xx. ß. or copiholde to the yerely value of .xxvi. ß. viii. d. at the leaste aboue all charges / vpon payne to lese for euery person beyng so impanelyd or retournyd not beyng sufficient, at euery tyme that they shall so offende .xl. ß. and the shyref other .xl. ß. whereof one moyte shalbe to the partye suynge therfore by accyon of dette / in whiche sute no protection, nor essoyne shalbe allowid. But wager of lawe is not expressid. And for that cause it behouyth to make information

therof

therof in the eschequer. i. Richardi. iii. Capi. iiii.

¶ Shyrefes or other hauynge the custodie of Gayles shal certefie the names of euery prisoner being in theyr custodie, and to them cõmitted for felony, vnto the Justicers at the nexte generall Gayle delyuerie to be kalendryd, vpon payne to forfayte for euery tyme that they shall make default turlo doyng. C.S. iii. Henrici. vii. Capi. iii.

¶ Also the shyrek nor no other p̃son in his name or by his cõmaundement shall entre no playntes into theyr bokes in no mannes name, on lesse the playntike be there in his proper person, or els by sufficient attourney or depute that is knowen of good name and the playntyfe shall fynde pledg̃s persons that be knowen in that countie to pursue his playnt, and the playntike shall haue but one playnt for one trespas or one contracte. And if the shyrek or any other his officers cause to be entryd any mo playntes then the plaintyfe supposeth that he hathe cause of accyon agaynste the defendant, the the shyrek or his clerke that dothe cause to be entryd any suche playntes contracte to this acte shall forfayte for euery defaute. xl. s. the halfe to hym that wyll sue & proue the same matter by accion of dette or informacion.

¶ Also the shyrek shal make sufficient preceptes after suche playntes entrid agaynste the defendaũt directid to the baylik of the hundreth to attache or warne the defendãt to appere and answere to the sayde playntes / and if there be any defaute in the sayde baylike of the hundreth in warnyng or executynge of theyr offices then to forfayte. xl. s. and to be cõuicte therof by examinacio of the Justicers of the place or any of the.

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¶ The same Shyrefes nor theyr deputies shal make none estreates to leuye the shyre amerciamentes tyl that .ii. Justicers of the peace whereof one be of the quorum haue the syght of theyr bokes and the estreates to be endeyd betwixte the Justicers of peace & the shyref and vndershyrefe sealed with theyr seales / the one parte to remayne with the sayde Justicers / and the other parte with the shyrefe.

¶ And that those persons that shalbe gatherers of the sayde amerciamētes shalbe swoyne by the sayde Justicers that they take no more money then is forfayte and conteyned in the estreates sealed & the seales of the Justicers to the same vpon the same payne of forfaytour as is aboue rehersed: the same gatherers to be cōuicte by examinacion of the same Justicers or one of them And the same Justicers of peace shalbe appoynted at the sessions holden at Whelmas by hym that is custos rotulorum or in hys absēce by the assist of the quorum to haue the controlement of the sayde Shyrefes vndershyrefes shyre clerkes and other of the sayde officers & of the sayde shyrefes amerciamētes. And the sayde Justicers of peace vpon suggestiō shall make proces agayust the shyrefe vndershyref shyre clerkes or other officers to appere before them to answere to suche suggestion or informacion as is vsed in accion of Trespas. Anno. ii. Henrici. vii. Capt. xv.

¶ Also euery shyrefe shall cause to be taken all vagabounded idle people and suspecte persones and set them in the stockes there to remayne at the syrste takyng by one day and one nyght, and at the seconde tyme to be in the stockes by thre dayes

dayes and thre nyghtes with breade and Water. And if any shyreue execute nat these premisses of euery vagabounde heremite or beggar able to labour or clarkes pylgrimes or shypmen as often as any suche cometh in syght or that he hathe therof any knowledge withi the towne or place where he hathe auctorite ✠ as ofte as any suche mysdoer abydeth there aboue the space of one day and one nyght and departe vnexamined and vnpunyshed: for euery misdoer so departed the shyreue to lose.iii.s.iiii.d. and the shyreue in hys tourne hathe auctorite to enquire of all the defautes of Wayfs Baylifes hyghe Constables petyte Counstables & all other gouernours and of other gouernours & officers of Cytyes Townes and Villages within theyr tourne & to haue iii.s.iiii.d. for euery defaute founde in his tourne. Anno xix. Henrici. vii. Capi. xii.

¶ Also euery Shyreue vpon a precepte directid vnto him by the Justicers of peace to retourne a panell to enquere of any riot or vnlauful assemble committed shall retourne.xxiiii.persons dwellyng in the shyre, euery of them hauyng.xx.s. of freholde or.xxvi.s.viii.d. of copy holde or of both ouer all charges and to retourne in issues euery person.xx.s. at the fyrste day and at the seconde day.xl.s. and if the defaute be in the shyreue for retournyng of persons nat beyng of that sufficiencie or for non retournyng of issues in fourme before sayde he to forfayte.xx.l. An.19.H.7 ca.13.

¶ Also if any ryote or assemble of people be made in any parte of this realme against the lawe/the Justicers of the peace, or two of the at the leaste and the Shyreue or vndershyreue may cum with the

the power of the cõtie (if nede be) to arrest and
bringe thẽ afore the same Justicers of the peace.
And the shyrefe or vndershyrefe haue power to
recorde that they shal kynde in theyr presence non
contrarie to the lawe / and the offendour shalbe
cõuicte by suche recorde. And if they be departid
afore the cũming of the sayde Justicers, Shyrefe
and vndershyrefe / then shall the same Justicers
or two of them within one moneth after suche
ryot, enquere diligently where the assemble was
made. And if the truthe can not be founde / then
the same Justicers, or two of thẽ and the shyrefe
or vndershyrefe aboue sayde, within a moneth
nexte folowyng, shall certefie before the kynge
and his counsell the hole dede with al the circũ-
stances therof / whiche certificat shalbe as stronge
to put the parties to answere therupon, as an
enditement founde by .xii. men. 34. H. 4. ca. vltimo.
¶ And if the sayde ryot or vnlawful assemble be
not founde (by reson of any embraceric or mayn-
tenaunce of the sayde Jure, then the sayde Justi
cers of peace and the Shyrefe ouer and aboue
suche certificat that they muste make according
to the sayde statute made .An. 13 Hen. 4. shall in
the same certificat certefie the name of the same
mayntenours and embracours in that behalfe (if
any be) with theyr mysdemeinours ỳ they knowe
vpon payne of euery of the sayde Justicers and
Shyrefes or vndershiresses .xx l. if they haue no
reasonable excuse for non certefiyng of the same
whiche certeficat so made shalbe one inditement
in the lawe. And euery person duely proued to be
mayntenour or embracour shall forfayte xx. l. a
to be commytted to warde there to remayne by

discretion

discrecion of the Justicers. An. 19. Hen. 7. Ca. 13.

¶ Also that no Shyrefe vpon wrytes and preceptes directid to him do retourne before Ketchetours or Comissioners any person to enquere of any landes or tenementes excepte euery of the same Jury haue landes and tenementes of the yerely value of .xl. s. aboue al charg̃ in the same shyre vpon payne of forfeitour for euery person so retourned. L. S. An. iii. Henrici. viii. Capt. ii.

¶ Also all paneis put in by the Shyrefe before any Justicer of Gayledeliuere, or before Justicers of peace (wherof one to be of the quorũ) in theyr open sessions to enquere for the kynge shal be reformed by putting to and takyng out of the name so impanelled by discrecyon of the same Justicers. And ꝑ the same Justicers or Justicer shall cõmaunde euery Shyrefe & theyr ministers in theyr absences to put other persons in the same panel by theyr discrecion and the same panel so reformed by the Justicers to be good. And if any Shyrefe do nat retourne the same panell so reformed, then euery shyrefe so offendynge for euery suche offence shall forfaite .xx. li. halfe to hym that wyll sue by accion of dette byl or complaynte where suche shall fall or be & no wager of lawe essoyne nor protection to be allowed.

¶ Also vpõ euery exigent (where wrytis of proclamacion are to be awarded) the same wrytte of proclamacion to haue the same day of retourne that the exigent hathe, and to be deliuerid of record and the shyrefe to make proclamacion thre seuerall dayes in hys playne Cõtie, wherof one of the proclamacions to be made at the generall sessions in those parties where the partie is supposed

poſed to be dwellyng, that he yelde him ſelfe to the ſhyrefe of the ſhyre that the ſhyrefe may haue the body at the day of the exigent returnable to anſwere to the pleyntes, and that the ſhyrefe of the ſayde cõtie that hathe ſuche wrytt of proclamacion duely execute the ſame & therof make due retourne at the daye appoynted in the ſame wrytt / vpon payne to forfayte ſuche amerciament as by the Juſtyces ſhalbe aſſeſſyd.

¶ Shyrefs, Bailliffes Conſtables and al other hed officers and euery of them fyndyng or knowing any ſon vſyng or exercifyng any vnlawfull games cõtrary to the ſtatute, haue ful power to cõmit euery ſuche offendour to warde there to remayne without bayle or maynprize to ſuche tyme, as they ſo offendynge be bounden by obligacion to the kynges vſe in ſuche ſũmes of money as by diſcretiõ of the ſayde ſhyrefes or other officers ſhalbe thought reſonable, that they frõ henſforthe ſhall nat vſe any vnlaufull games. Anno. vi. Henrici. viii. Capi. ii.

¶ If any Impotent perſon begge within any other place then within ſuche lymitd as he ſhal be aſſigned / the ſhyrefes and all other the kyngs officers ſhall by theyr diſcrecion punyſhe ſuche perſons by impriſonment in the ſtockes by the ſpace of. ii. dayes and. ii. nyghtes gyuynge them breade and water only, and after that cauſe the to be ſworne to turne agayne to the place where they be licenſyd to begge. An. 22. H. 8. Capi. 12.

¶ The Juſtices of peace vpon informacyon or preſentment made agaynſte any townſhyp for non executyng of this acte ſhall make prayes by diſtres agaynſt the inhabitantes of the towne, &

therby the Shyreue shall distrayne the goodes of one or two of the inhabitantes of the towne as he may knowe for negligent in the towne and re tayne the distres tyll they fynde suertie to appere at the sessyons before the Justicers.

¶ And vpon the retourne of the Shyreue of the distres, if the person appere nat, then curry suche person so distreined to lose. xl. ð. at the fyrste distres and at the seconde distres. vi.s. viii.d. vpon hys defaute & so to be doubled at euery distresse tyll apperaunce be had.

¶ Shyreffes that haue custody of Gayles shall make seales to be grauen with the name of the castel that he kepeth for to gyue and seale wyth to ꝓcioners acquited to begge for theyr frys with in the hundreth where he is deliuered by. vi. weks next after his deliuere/and thē to go to the Hundreth where he laste dwelled by. iii. yere or where he was borne. The shyreffe shal nat suffre suche ꝓcioner to begge for his frys nor to departe but to do scrupee and labour tyll that he deliuer him suche letter & the clerke of the peace to make the breffe within one day after the sessyons, vpō payne of. xii. ð. to the kynge. An. 22. Hen. 8. Ca. 12.

¶ For distroyng of crowes rokes and choughs it is ordeined that euery person hauyng any ma ners landes and tenementes in theyr mannrāce shal do as muche as in him is reasonably to kyll and distroye the same crowes choughes & rokes bredyng or abydyng vpon his lādes or tenemēts vpon payne of a grenous amerciament to be set. And if the offence be within the lymettes/of leters rapes, or courtes barons, then to be set by the stewarde with two of the ꝓsentours by the

stewards

fewarde and presentours to be named vpon the presentment founde and presented, and to be reasonably assessid after the quantite of the offence. And the amerciamente to be to the lorde of the lawe day/and if any person be lorde of suche manours or inhabit there(wherunto any suche lawe day or tape is belongyng) then vpon a presentment had before the shyrefe in his tourne with two of the presentours to be chosen by the presentours, shal cesse the sayde amerciamēt by theyr discretiō to the vse of the kynge and to be leuied by distres. An. 24. Henrici. 8. Capi. 10.

¶ And the Shyrefes in theyr turnes shall gyue in charge to the tenauntes and inhabitantes appering before them that they shal duely enquere and put in execution the effecte of this acte.

¶ Shyrefes shal holde theyr courtes from moneth to moneth. And where great tyme is wonte to be, greater shalbe. Magna Carta. Capi. 35.

¶ The kynge cōmaundeth that Shyrefes and theyr officers whiche receyue his dettes shal acquyte lawfully the dettours at the nexte accoūtes after that they haue receyued the dette: and then it shalbe allowyd at the eschequere/ so that it shall nat come in the somons after. And if the Shyrefe do otherwyse, and be attaynted therof, he shall rendre thre tymes so muche as he hathe receiued, and shall make fyne at the kynges wyll. And if another do it, for whose hande he is answerable at the eschequer, he shal rendre the tre dle therof to the playntif, and shall make fyne in the same wyse. And the shyrefe shal make tayles to al them that haue payed him the kynges dettys. Westminster. 1. Capi. ix.

¶ Concernyng Shyrefes & other whiche haue leuyed the kynges dette, & make tayles or other acquitãce to the dettour, and discharge him nat. It is agreed that when the Shyrefe is impledyd therfore in theschequer by the dettour, if he come nat at the distres, then shall another distres be awardyd retournable at a certayne daye, wherin it shalbe cõmaunded that proclamacion be made in the full countie, that the defendant shal come in by a certayne day to acquite the dettour of the sũme, for whiche he made him the acquitance or tayle/at whiche if he come nat in, and the writte be retournyd and the proclamacion certefied, he shalbe holden connicte / & the dette shalbe leuyed of him, in lyke maner as dette recouveryd, against him in the kynges courte and damages shalbe awardyd to the plaintyf accordyng to the discrecion of the Barons. 14. Edwardi. 2. in the estatute of Attayntes the laste Chapitre.

¶ The kynge cõmaundeth that all Shyrefes and Bayliffes whiche haue receiued his dettes, of the somons of the eschequer, whiche acquite nat the dettours vpon the nexte accounte, shalbe punyshed accordyng to the estatutes made. Distreffis of the eschequere. Capi. v.

¶ It is ordeyned that execuciõ of writtes whiche come to the Shyrefe, be made by the hundredars knowen and sworne, and in the ful countie and nat by others/if it be nat for greate scarsite of hundredars. For then it shalbe done by other persons conueniẽt and sworne. The estatute of Lyncolne the laste Chapitre.

¶ Shyrefes shall nat be chargyd with the leuyeng of any issues, nor shall leuye any, before they

they com out of the chequer by the extreat there to be leuied. And if percase any Shyref retourne ssues vpon any recognitoz, pledge oz manucaptoz, by him assessyd and retournid in our courte, whiche to the paymen of the same ssues oz amerciamentes at the tyme of the retourne was insufficiēt: the same Shyref shalbe chargyd therwith at the chequer/ and shall make tayles to all persons of all maner of thynges by him receiued/ and shal nat retourne any where the names of manucaptours, Jurrours, oz other/ excepte it be accozdyng to the tenour of the wyttes to hē directid, noz shall retourne the names of pledgys of fre mē any where, onles they haue manyfestly confessyd them selfes pledgis. The statute of Fynes. Capi. ii.

¶ No Shyref, Cozoner, oz other the kyng̃ ministres shal take no rewarde foz doing his office, and if he do, he shall paye the double, and shalbe punished at the kynges wyl, but shalbe payed of that whiche they take of the kyng. We. i. Ca. 26.

¶ Shyrefes shall nat suffre any barrettour oz maintenour of matters bin his coūtie, neythir stewardes of greate lozdes noz other (whiche be nat attourneys to theyr lozdes to do theyr suttes) noz to sytte vpon the iudgementes of the counties, noz to pronounce them excepte he be therto required of all the sutours and attourneis that shalbe there at the same tourney. And if he do the cōtrarie, the kynge shall take it greuously to the Shyrefe and the offendour. West. i. Capi. 31.

¶ It shalbe lefull to euery Shyrefe Justicer of peace and Escheatour to seale to the kynges vse al suche goodes and catelles that suche persons

as cum within this realme that be called Egyptians haue, and therof to make accompte to the kynge in his eschequer and to retayne and kepe the moyte therof to his owne vse, and accompte for the residue: to paye no fees for the accompts nor for his discharge therof.

¶ In these statutys it apperyth what thynge the Shyref ought to do by reason of hys office, and that he ought nat to take any thynge for doyng his office, but only that whiche is appoynted to hym by the same statute. And if he do or take any thynge otherwyse, it is extorcion whiche ought to be inquired vpon by Justices of the peace, & the shyrefe shalbe punyshed therfore.

¶ And if any Shyrefe do any extorcyon to the people and be duely attaynted therof, he shalbe straytly punyshed therfore at the pleasure of the kynge. I. Henrici. 4. Capi. I I.

¶ Shyrefes may and are bounde to inquire of comen annoyances done to all maner of the kynges subiects/but nat of assaultes made vpon any priuate persō: for that is but a particuler office by Warton. iiii. Hewrici. vi.

¶ The Shyrefe muste kepe his turne within a moneth after Easter, and within a moneth after the feaste of S. Wyghel. And if he kepe it at any tyme after the moneth of the sayde feastes, it is voyde by the statute of. Anno. 31. E. 3. Capi: 19. And all inditementes, and presentmentes there taken after the same tyme be voyde.

¶ Blodshed shalbe enquired of in the shyrefes tourne, bicause it is an article that is to be inquired in a Lete. All Letes be deryued and taken out of the Shyrefes tournes/insomuche that for de-

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falte of inquiry in Leets of thynges inquerable there, the same thing there omytted ought to be inquired of in the tournes of Shyref. M.8. E.4.

¶ And all the Justices sayde that the Shyrefe in his tourne hathe auctorite to inquire of al thynges that be trespas, or felony by the comon lawe (excepte the deathe of a man) but of trespas or felony made by statute, the Shyref in his tourne hathe no power to inquire of. M 28. Edwardi 3.

¶ And if the Shyrefe in hys tourne inquire of Nusances, that shulde be inquired of in the Lete of another, and the same be founde, yet may he nat distreyne for the amercyament of suche a presentment. For if he do he is trespassour. But if there were a defaulte in the lorde of the Lete in that he wolde nat inquire, or synde the same, whe he ought to haue inquired therof: in this cate it semeth that the Shyref in his tourne may inquire of it in defaulte of the lorde. M 28. Edwardi.3.

¶ And if one haue a fayre or a market by graūt or prescripcion, and kepe nat his fayre or market as he ought/the Shyrefe ought to inquire therof in his tourne. 22. Henrici.6.

¶ Upon a presentment of Nusaunce in the Shyrefes tourne, the partie shalbe amercyd there by the Shyrefe, whiche may distreyne for the amercyament. And if purpresture be presentyd there, the Shyrefe may abate the same, and refourme it. M. 26 Edwardi.3.

¶ Also it appertyth by the boke of Bretton that vnto the tourne of the Shyrefe ought to come all the freholders of the hundred, and other lande tenauntes (Clerkes men of Religion and wymen only exceptyd) whereat the Shyrefe shall cause.xii.

of the moste sage and sufficient persons of the hundred to be sworne. And then shall all the resi due be sworne by dosyns, and by the townes, whiche shall make theyr presentment to the hyzst xii. Jurrours vpon the articles wherwith they shalbe chargyd. And it semyth that the Shyreffe ought to holde his tourne in euery hundred with in the countie.

¶ what thynges be inquirable in the Shyreffes Tourne.

FYrste they shall inquire if there be any misdoer in the hundred of whō any stādeth in doute of lyfe oz lymme, & what is his name.

¶ Also they shall inquire of all mortal enemies, to the kynge the quene theyr chyldren, oz counsellours/of counterfeatyng the kynges seale oz his money/of manslears and murderers/of burners of others corne oz howses felonyously, of Burglours, of Robbours, of theues, of outlawes, of those that haue abiured the realme, and come agayne, of Sozcerers and witches, of miscreants, and heritykes, of traytours and of pzysoners/ of cutters of purses, of Usurers, of Victayllers biynge and selling wittingly stolne flesshe: of thē that wittingly make whyte ꝑ skynnes of beastes stolne, of redubbours that wyttyngly dye stolne clothes, and dresse them into another facyon/ of treasour hyd in the grounde/ of hues and cryes wrongfully oz rightfully leuied and nat pursuid of waters stopped, straysghtened, oz turnyd/ of bounders pulled vp oz wrongfully chaungyd/ of walles, howses, gates, markepyttes dytches, oz

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other disturbaūces made or ley vied vpon any co mon waye to the annuſance therof / of petty bye bours that there shepe to haue the wolle/of ſuch as take theſebote/and of thoſe that haue made a pryſon of theyr owne howſe, or howſholde / of poūde breaches / of treſpaſſours in parkes and pondes/of takers of other mennes doūys/of the aſſyſe of breade and ale broken, of them that bye and ſell by meaſure agaynſt the aſſyſe/of chaūce medleys/of conteckours/of blaūched/of watchȝ vnkepte / of the kynges hyghe wayes nat enlar ged,of thoſe that haue kepte apeachours in any other pryſon then the kynges, or any other felon aboue a day & a night/of newe libertes cuſtomes or iuriſdiccions vſurped ſyns the laſte tourne on water or on lande / of weyſes/ of wrecches of the ſee founde,and kepte away/of brydges and cauſ ceis broke,and who ought to repayre them, and of thoſe that claime fraunchyſes, or iudgemētes ecalles/ and of al thoſe of the age of.xii.yer̄ gon out of the hundred, whiche be nat come into the tourne(except clerkes,knyghtes,theyr chyldren and wyues which be nat in the doſyns)of vaga bounde̅s by the cuntre whiche are of no mannes retynue, of whom there is any euyll ſuſpeccyon of lewyd demeanour.

¶ And when the townes haue gyuen theyr ver dite to the hyrſte Iurrours,then immediatly ſhal the hyrſte Iurrours go and gyue vp theyr preſēt ment ſuche as they wyll abyde by. And the pre ſentmentys of felonies they ſhall ſhewe priuely, and the other openly. Bretyn.li.i.fo.38.

¶ Nowe muſte ye inquire further if Baylliffes, of liberties and fraunchyſes,haue duly vſed theyr

offyce whyche restyth in thye poyntes, whyche is that they truly execute the preceptis whyche be directyd vnto them accordyng to the tenours of the same/ and that they make due answere and retourne to the Shyrefe of the same preceptys/ and that he take nothynge for doyng his offyce but onely the fees to him due and appoynted by the course of the lawe. And what fees they shall take, and what thynges they ought to do by reason of theyr offyce, shal appere more playnly here folowyng.

¶ The office of Bayllyffes of liberties.

Vpon a precepte made by the Shyrefe to a Baillif of a liberte vpon a wryt of distres directyd to the Shyrefe to distreyne the defendant in the same wrytte, or the Jurrours in any inquest/ the Baillif must retourne good and sufficient issues vpon the defendant, or vpon the Jurrours if they haue sufficient goodys or landys within his baylewyke/ and if he do nat, the playntife in the accyon shall haue an Jurrmente that he myght haue retourned greater issues, if the defendaũt make defaulte, or the Jurrours by the estatute of. 1. E. 3. Ca. 5. And Justicers of the peace muste inquire if the Bayllyffes haue done theyr offyce in that poynte.

¶ Also they muste inquire if Bayllyffes of liberties whyche be keperes of any gayle enforce any of theyr pryseners to be appeallours to the entent to haue a fyne of the parties appellyd for doute of imprysonment. 1. Edwardi. 3. Capi. 7.

¶ Baillyffes of liberties whyche take indictmẽt

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in theyr tournes, or other where, ought to take them by indenture / whereof the one parte shall remayne with the inditours, and the other with the Bailiffe. 2. Edwardi 3. Capi. 17.

¶ None shalbe made Baillif of a libertie, except he haue sufficient lande in the place where he is minister, to make answere to the kynge and his people. 4. Edwardi. 3. Capi. 9.

¶ Baylyffes of liberties whiche be gaylours, and haue the keping of prisons ought to receiue and safely kepe all theuys deliuered to them by the constables of the tounes, beyng indited, taken with the maner, or appealyd of felony without takyng ought. 4. Edwardi. 3. Capi. 10.

¶ Baylyffes of liberties muste receyue suche persons as be arrested in theyr fraunchyse by the constables for suspicion of felony, that walke in the countrey by nyght, or be of euyll name / and shall kepe them in prison vntyll the comynge of the Justicers of gayle deliuere / and in the meane tyme the Baylyffes muste inquere of the. 5. Edwardi. 3. Capi. 14.

¶ Baylliffes of liberties, Cõstables, and other officers of townes where loyterars and vagabũdes resorte haue power to examyne them dyligently, and compell them to synde surety by sufficient mainpernours beyng distreinable of theyr good behauour. And if any defaulte be founden in the same loyterars and vagabõndes, and cannot synde surete, they shalbe sente to the next gayle there to remayne vntyll the cõmyng of the Justicers of gayle deliuerie / which may do with them as they shall thynke beste by the courte of the lawe. 7. Richardi. 2. Capi. 5.

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¶ No seruaunt or labourer at the ende of hys terme shall departe out of the Hundred or Rape where he is dwellyng tho dwelle any other where onles he bryngo a lettre patente conteynyng the cause of his goyng vnder the kynges seale therto assygned. And if any seruaunt labourer be foūde vagarant without suche letter, he shalbe taken forthwith by the Shyreffes, Mayers, Bailliffes or other officers, & put in stockes vntyl he fynde suretie of retourne to the towne to serue fromes whens he came, vntyll he haue suche a lettre to departe for cause reasonable. 12. Ri. 2. Capi. 3.

¶ Bailliffes of liberties haue power to arreste seruauntes and labourers that weare daggars, sweardes, and knyues, and them to seale & kepe vntyl the sessions of the peace, and the weapons so presente to the Justicers there with the namis of them that bare them, and the weapons shalbe forfayte, excepte they be trauailing in the coūtre with theyr maysters, or in theyr landes or busynes. 12. Richardi. 2. Capi 6.

¶ Shyreffes and Bailliffes of liberties in theyr liberties are bounden to receyue seruauntes and labourers beggyng and vagarant, and them to detayne in pryso without bayle/ without taking of any fee or other thynge of them at theyr entre or departyng by theselues or by theyr deputies/ vpon payne of C.s. to the kynge. 12. R. 2. Ca. 9.

¶ Bailliffes of liberties to whom the keppynge of the assyse of breade and ale and the correction of the same belongeth, shall take no amerciamēt nor fyne for no defaulte touching the sayde assyse for whiche the offendour ought by the lawe to haue corporall penaunce, but they shall adiudge

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them to the same penaunce. And Bailliffes of liberties and all other that haue the kepynge and ouersyght of vitayles shal put in due execution the estatute made in the .xxiii. yere of Edwarde the thyrde whiche begynneth Quia maioz pars populi. &c. ij. R. 2 Ca. 8.

¶ Bouchers, Fyshers, Hostelars, Brewars, Bakers, Poulters, and al other sellars of victaylles are bounden to sell suche maner of vitailles at a reasonable pryce, hauyng regarde to the pryce wherat suche vitailles are solde in other places nere, so that they may haue a competente gayne and nat excessiue accoyding as by the distance of the places (fromwhens the vitaylles are tarped) they shal thynke reasonable to be required. And if any sell vitayles in any other maner and therof be conuicte, he shall paye the double of that he hathe receyued to the partie endamagyd / by his defaulte to any other that wyll sue therfore. And Mayres and Bailliffes of townes. &c. haue power to enquire of all suche as offende agaynst this ordinaunce in any poynte. And in case that the same Mayres and Bailliffes be negligent in doyng execucion of the premisses, and therupon be cõuicted by the Justicers assigned by vs, they shalbe compelled by the same Justicers to restore the treble value of the thynge solde to the partie greued, by to any other that in his defaulte wyll sue, and neuertheles shalbe greuously punysshed agaynste vs. 25. Edwardi 3. Capi. 6.

¶ No Stewarde, Bailliffe, nor other mynistres of lordes of fraunchises whiche haue returne of wrytes shalbe attourney to any persone in any matter within the same fraunchyse or bailewyke where he

where he is officer at any maner of tyme. 4. Hē
rici. 4. Capi. 19.

¶ If an heynous riotte be made, the Iusticers of the peace, and the shyref, or vnder shyref ought to do theyr office according to the statute made xiii. H. iiii. And if they do nat, at the sute of the partie greuyd a cōmission shall go forthe to inquire therof, and of the defaulte of the Iusticers and the shyrefe, and the Coroner shall serue the proces/and he must retourne persons that haue lande to the perely value of. x. li. & shall retourne also. xx. s. in issues at the fyrste daye, and. xl. s. at the seconde, and at the thyrde tyme. C. s. and so double it at euery day after. And if defaulte be in the Coroner in retournynge the issues, or of persons of suche lande, he shall lese. xl. li. And if the olde shyrefe be discharged, the newe shyrefe shal serue the proces, & nat the Coroner vpon payne of. xl. li. if the defaulte be foūden in him, touching the retourne of other persons by him impaneilid which haue nat landes to the perely value of. x. li. or to retourne suche issues as the Coroners be chargyd with. And Baillifs of libertes are boūden for to impanell sufficient persons, as aboue is sayde/vpon payne to lese. xl. li. in case that suche persons may be founden within hys bayliwyke. ii. Henrici. v. Capi 8.

¶ Baillifs of fraunchises ought to make theyr retournes, and answers vnto the shyrefe vpon his precepte made vnto them in a special wyse of assyse, fyue dayes before the day of the sessions/ vpon payne to forfayte. xl. li. for euery tyme that they shall do the contrary. vi. Hēnici. vi. Capi. ii.

¶ Where a precepte is made to the shyrefe by

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Justicers of the peace to retourne a panel to inquire of forcible entre, & he sendith his precepte to the Baillif of the libertie to retourne the panel because the riotte was done within the libertie, nowe is the Baillif bounden to make due retourne and execution of the preceptis to him directid/ vpō payne of.xx.li. for euery defaute. And the statute wyll that the Shyref shall retourne xx s. in issues vpon euery Jurrour at the fyrste day/ and that euery Jurrour whiche shall passe in the inquiry, shal spende.xl.s. perely/ wherby it semyth that Baillifes of libertes are bounden to do lykewyse, if so many of the layde Jurrours be within his libertie/ for els he is nat. viii. Henrici. vi. Capi. ix.

¶ Baillifes of libertes in attaintes vpon plee of lande of the perely value of.xl.s or more/ not in attaintes for dedys cōcernyng landes of lyke value/ nor in attaintes vpon personall actions wherin the recouery extendyth vnto.xl.li. or more shall nat retourne or impanel any persons in suche inquestes, but those that be dwellyng within his baillewyke, and that haue estate to theyr owne vse in landes or tenementes for terme of lyfe to the perely value of.xx.li. or more within his baillewyke out of auncient demesne and the v. poyntes. And at the fyrste day of the distresse retournyd, shal retourne no lesse issues in suche actions of attaynte, then.xl.s. and at the seconde distres.c.s. and the double of euery other distres vpon the persons impanellyd & retournyd. And if he do the cōtrarie, he shall pay.x.li to the kyng and asmuche to the partie. xv. Hen. vi. Capi. v.

¶ Baillifes and other the kynges officers may

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arreste thoste soulduours that come from the see and shewe nat letters testimonial from theyr capytaynes that they haue licensyd them. And they shal kepe them vntyl they haue iquiryd whether they had licence or nat/and if they haue no suche license, then shall they be punyshed as felons. 18. Henrici. 6. Capi. 19.

¶ No Bayliff of a libertie (vpon any precepte to him directyd to returne the panell of any inquest) shall in the same returne any bayliffes, officers, or seruaunte to any officer aforesayde, nor shall take any thynge by thescife or by other of any person by them arrestyd or attachyd to theyr owne vse or auayle/ nor of any other persō for any arreste or attachement by the body made by them, or that is arrestyd by vertue of theyr office, for fyne, fee, sute of pryson, mainprys, letyng to bayle, or shewyng of any ease or fauour to any persō so beyng arrestyd for theyr reward or profite, but as is here limitted/ that is to wete for the Whyrek .xx.d. the Baillif that makys the arrest. iiii.d. and to the gayloure if the prysoner be cōmytted to him. iiii.d. And no Baillif of any libertie, nor Cōroner by him selfe nor by other by colour of his office shall take any thynge for the makynge of any returne or panell / and for the copie of a panell but. iiii.d. Also Baillifes of libertes shal let out of prison all persons by them arrestid or beyng in theyr keppyng by force of any bylle, wrytte, or warrāte in any accion personal, or by force of any inditement of trespas, vpon reasonable suretie hauing sufficient within the bayliwyke where they be lette to bayle, to kepe theyr dayes in the same places as the same bylle wrytte

wrytte or warrant shall requyre / those onely ex-
cepeyd whiche be in warde vpon any condemp-
nacyon, or be excommunicate, or outlawed, or ar-
restyd vpon suretie of the peace / and vagarauns
tes that refuse to serue. And that the sayde Bay-
lyffes shall nat take any obligacyon of any per-
son, nor by any person beinge in theyr warde by
course of the lawe / for any the causes aboue re-
herſyd, but in the name of theyr office / and vpon
condicyon that the same persones shall appere at
the dayes contayned in the sayde wrytte, bylles,
or warrantye, & in suche places as they requyre.
And yf any baylyffe take any obligacyon in any
other fourme by coloure of hys office, it shalbe
voyde / and that he shall take no more for the mas
kyng of any suche obligacyon, warrante, or pre-
cepte by them to be made, but. iiii.d. And yf they
do contrarie vnto thys ordynaunce in any poynt
for so doyng they shall rendre to the party greuid
his damages treble, and shall forfayte for euery
time that they do the contrarie. xl.li. the one halfe
whereof shalbe to him that wyl sue in any of the
Kynges courtes therefore. &c. 23. H. 6. cap. 10.

¶ Baylifs of lyberte ought nat to seale ye goods
des of any person arrested / or enpriſoned for felo-
ny, before that they shalbe conuicted or attaynted
of the same felony accordyng to the lawe, or elles
that the same gooddes be otherwyse forfayted /
vppon payne to forfayte the double value of the
gooddys so taken, vnto the partyes endamagyd,
suing therfore by accion of dette, wherein no wa-
ger of lawe, Essoyne, nor protectyon, shall in any
wyse be allowyd to the defendant. 1. R. 3 cap. 1.

¶ Bayliffes of lyberties that be gaolers : haue the kepyng of gaoles, ſhall certifye the names of euery pryſoner in hys gaole that is there for felonye, at the next generall Gaole delyuere in euerye countye or fraunchiſe(where ſuche gaole is) to be calendred before the iuſtices of the ſame gaole delyuere, vpon payne to forfayte for euery defaute there recorded. L.s. An. 3 Henrici. 7. Ca. 3.

¶ All Bayliffes and other hed officers, and euery of them finding or knowyng any perſon vſing or exercyſinge any vnlawfull games contrary to the ſtatutes, haue power to cõmyt euery ſuch offendour to warde, and there to remayne in pryſon without bayle or mayneprys, tyll ſuch tyme as he be bounde by obligacion in ſuche ſume, as by diſcrecyon of him that taketh the bonde ſemeth reaſonable, to the Kynges vſe, that he ſhall playe no more. Anno. 6. H. 8. Cap. ſecundo.

¶ All ſtatutes made agaynſte Shyreffes, vnderſhyreffes, Bayliffes/ or other mynyſters for maſkyng or retournynge of panels, or iuryes, or for due execucyon or ſeruynge of wryttes, or other proces, or for takyng of fees, or for the reformacion of extorcyons, or for any other thynge concernynge theyr office, and all paynes contayned in euery ſuche ſtatute, ſhalbe extended to all Stewardes, Bayliffes, and other miniſters, and officers of lyberties and fraunchyſes haunynge retourne of wryttes, and execucyon thereof / in lyke maner as they extende to Shyreffes, theyr vnderſheryffes. Bayliffes, or other minyſters/ ſauynge that the Bayliffes, and officers of lyberties maye occuppye theyr offices for as longe time they ſhalbe gyuen vnto them. An. 27. H. 8. Ca. 23.

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¶ The office of Eschetours.

YE shall Inquyre of Eschetours, yf they haue duely executed theyr office, and if they haue taken any more for doyng therof then they ought, or if they haue cõmitted or done any extorcion, or oppression vnto the kinges people by colour of theyr office. And therfore ye shall vndestande that no Escheatoure ought to medle, or enquyre for the Kynge, but in case where the king of ryght ought to be entytled, as haue the lande or thing that is founde for him by the inquest: for yf one holde of the kyng as of hys duchie of Lancastre by knightes seruyce, & dye hys heyre being within age/ the Kyng ought to haue the warde of the heyre and the lande. And yet in that case yf the Escheatour fynde it by office, he shal haue nothynge for the fyndynge therof / bycause the tenaunt helde nat of the kyng in chyefe as of his Crowne. And therfore the Kyng may entre & seasle the lande and the heyre without office, and may graunte it. In lyke maner yf the Escheatour fynde by office that one dyed seased and helde of other lordes, and nat of the Kynge by knyghtes seruyce, and that he is deade and his heyre within age/the Escheatour can demaũde nothing of right for the fyndyng of suche an office. And so yf he finde an office that one died seasyd of suche a manour in fee, and helde of the Kynge as of suche an honour or Castell by knyghtes seruyce, and his heyre within age: yet ought nat the Escheatour to haue any fee or dutie for the fyndyng of that of-

fice, and yf he take any thynge therfore: it is Extorcyon / whiche is well proued by the wrytte of (diem clausit extremum) the wordes whereof be these Quia Georgius fer. qui de nobis tenuit in capite die quo obiit, diem clausit extremum, vt accepim⁹: ideo tibi precipimus) &c. wherby it apperyth that yf our holde nat of the kyng in chief, thescheatoure ought nat to haue the fee of. xl. ſ. for fyndyng of the office. And if he take it in that case it is Extorcyon.

¶ And in aſſyſe yf the defendant ſay that the landes are ſealyd in to the kinges handes by the Escheatour / and the Escheatour being there preſent examined by the Juſtyces thereupon do confeſſe that he hathe ſealyd the landes into the kynges handes, where in dede he hath nat ſo done: in this caſe the Escheatour doth wronge to the pleyntyf which may haue an accyon vpon his caſe againſt thescheatour for hys falſed / and for the delay that he hath ſuſteyned through that confeſſyon by ſuyng to the kynge for a (procedendo)

None ſhalbe ſubescheatour, onles he haue ſufficyent landes in thoſe places where he is officer to aunſwere to the kynge and hys people / in caſe that any wyll complaynt againſt them. Anno. 4. E. 3. cap. nono et Anno. 5. eiuſdem cap. 4.

¶ Thescheatours ſhalbe choſen euery yere, as the Sheryffe ſhalde, and by the ſame perſones that choſe the Sheryffe. And that no eſcheatour ſhall abyde in hys office aboue one yere. An. 14. E. 3. ca. 7.

¶ Thescheatours ſhal nat do waſt in Biſhoppryckes and other places duryng the vacacyon of the / nether ſhal ſel vnderwodes, nor chaſe in parkes or warrens, nor fyſhe in pondes, or fre piſcaries / nor

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gerlum may take fines of any tenementes fre nor bonde but shall cause them to be kepte and saued without doynge damage, or any maner of oppressyon. Anno 24. Ed.3.cap.4.

¶ So by this estatute it apperyth that it appertayneth to the office of an Escheatoure to sease the temporalties, of Archebyshoprykis, Byshoprykes, and Abbeys of the kynges foundacyon, during the vacacyon of the same, and to take the profytes, & to accõpte for them to the kyng in the Eschequer. Howebeit there is an other estatute made i the same yere/ theffecte wherof is, ¶ if the Deane and Chap. Prior, or Suppryor, wyl take temporaltyes to ferme, payinge the value accordyng to the remembraunces in the schequer: that they shall haue them before any other. And by an other estatute made the same yere cap.5. the Chãcellour, Treasorer of the schequer takyng to them suche other of the councell, as they shall thynke good, shal lease the vacacyons of Archbishoprykis, Byshoprykes, Abbeys, Priories, and other houses of religyõ (thaduoydance wherof belonge to the kynge) the Deane, and Chappitre, Prior, or Suppryor Priores, or Suppryores, and Couent at a certayne rent to pay by the yere, quarter, or Moneth, durynge the vacacyons as they shall thynke best/ without makyng fyne. And neyther the schetour, nor any other officer shal seke cause nor matter, to entre, or to medle, or do any thynge in prejudyce of the churche. Sauyng to the kyng and hys heyres knyghtes fees aduousons, eschеates, wardes, Mariages, Reliefes, and suche fees to the sayde fees belongyng. In wytnes wherof the kyng caused hys letters patentes to be made

therof/dated at westminstre the. viii. day of Aprill the yere aboue mencyoned, wherby it appereth ỹ thauditoure aforsaide to make leasses was gyuen to the Chaũcellour and the treasorer by the kinges letters patentes. vt. an. 14. Ed. 3. cap. 6.

Thescheatours and other the kynges ministers must accompte in theschequer after this maner / that is of landes ỹ tenementes wherof profite assyseth from tyme to tyme thorough out the yere as of Wynes, herbages, tolle, pleas, profites of courtes, or suche other issues ỹ profites, they shal be bounden to answer the kyng for the rate and value of the tyme accordyng to tholde course of theschequer. And touching auncyent fermes and rentes, that are to be payed at certayne termes as rent secke ỹ rent serupre, wherof no profyte arysseth vntyll the day of payment: suche rentes and fermes shalbe payde vnto them that haue lyuere thereof out of the kynges hande at the termes of payment of the sayde fermes ỹ rentes nexte folowing such lyuere made, aswel for the time passyd as the tyme to cum. An. 28. Ed. 3 cap. 4.

¶ The kynge ỹ his progenytours haue ben seasid of forfaytures of warres, tyme out of mynde that is aswell of landes ỹ possessions, as of goodes and chateles. And by colour therof thescheatour by their office haue sealyd many landes, ỹ tenemẽtes as forfaite to the kyng/surmising treason in some persones being deade at the tyme of the sealer, whiche neuer were attaynted in their lyues: the kyng hath ordeyned touching such forfaytures that fel in the tyme of his grandefathere or before, ỹ so sone as an Inquest therof shalbe retourned into the Chauncerie by any Escheatour or other that hath power tenquire therof, the ex-

nalst shal nat be put out of possession/but shalbe warned by a Scire facias to appere at a certain day & for to answere vnto the same, yf he wyl. And yf no such forfayture be founde the kynges hande shalbe closid / so that in all other cases of forfaitures of treason by clones deceasid nat attainted, nor iudged in their lyues, their heyres nor landes tenantes shal nat be chalengid nor enpeched of any other forfaitures, but of those only that haue ben iudged in tyme passed afore the death of certayn clones, by prescrimēt in Eyre or in the kinges bencheas of felons of the king and other. And therfore it semeth ỳ if one moue warre agaynst the kinge in hȳ realme, & is slayne in the same/ thā the eschetour may sease his landes & tenementes, as forfaiture of war without any other inquere to be made therof. ¶ Euery Eschetour must take hȳ iurat̄ of office of good & lawfulme cōsayl wher thinquere shalbe made. And thinquerours/ & if it be otherwise done, they shalbe void, & they shalbe taken in good townys openly.

¶ Trauerse may be take to the eschetours office, whereby any alienacio or dieng seasyd, or ỳ ỳ heir is within age, & the lād holde of the kige in chief is fouud. ¶ Lād̄ seasid ito ỳ kiges hād̄ by reason of warde, shalbe kept wtout wast. And the eschetour shal haue no fee of venitō, fiche nor other thing, but shal answere the king of thissues & profites arrising of the sayde landes without wast. And if he do otherwyse, then to make fine at the kiges wyl, & to pay treble damages at the suyt of the eyre/ as well within age, as of ful age.

(And if he be within

age, his frendes shall haue the cust for hym answeryng to the heyre of that that so shalbe recouerid of hym. Concernynge other landes sealed into the kynges handes by inquest of office by theescheatour, thys forsayde ordinaunce and punyshement shal holde place agaynst theschetour. And yf any make clayme to landes so beyng seasyd/theescheatour shall retourne an Inquest into the Chauncerye within one moneth after suche sealer/so that a wryt be deliuered to him/to certifie the cause of the sealer, & there shal the partie be harde to trauerse the office, or otherwyse to shewe hys ryght. And the chauncellor vpon hys owne discrecyon (yf he see cause) maye leasse the landes to the tenaunt paying to the kyng the value/yf it belonge to the kynge/so that he fynde suretye, that he shall do no waste, vntyll it be adiuged. And the Escheatours shall take theyr Inquestis in good townes, & by honest men openly by Indenture to be made betwene theescheatour and them of thinquest. And if he do contrarye to this ordinaunce: then to haue two yeres imprysonment, and further to make fyne at the kynges pleasure. Anno. 36. Ed. 3. cap 13.

¶ None shalbe Escheatour, yf he haue nat. xx li lande at the leaste or more in fee/and that they execute theyr office in proper person/And yf he be otherwise, then to be put out/wherby it apperyth that the Subescheatour cānot enquyre, nor fynde office. Anno. 41. Ed. 3. Capi. 5.

Escheatours nor cōmissioners shal nat take Inquestes, but by those that be impanelled and returned by the Sheryffe, & yf they do otherwyse and be conuycte by Examinacyon, or otherwyse

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at the sute of the partye, or of the kynge, or any other person that wyll sue: they shall encurre the payne of .xl.li. the Woyte to hym at whose suyte they shalbe conuycte. And that no landes sealid into the kinges handes, shalbe let to ferme by the Chancellor, vntyll thinqueites & verdytes be retourned into the Chauncery, and by one moneth after the same retourne, except it be to the partye greued whiche was put out of those landes by that inquestis, and wyll offre to trauerse them/and shewe good euydence, and fynde sufficyent surety to sue his trauerse with effecte, and to paye to the kynge the yerely value of the landes, yf it hap to be dyscussid for the kynge. And if any letters patentes of any landes or tenementes to the contrarie be made to any other person then to him that offereth to trauerse/ or be let to ferme with in a Woneth next to the sayde Woneth of retourne/they shall be voyde and holden for none. Anno.8. H.6. cap.16.

¶ Escheatours & commissyoners shal retourne thinquestys taken before them into the Chauncerye, or in the eschequer within one moneth next after pe takyng of the same/ vpon payn of .xx.li. the one moytie to the kynge, the other to hi that wyll sue. Anno,8.H. 6.capi.19.

¶ And if any Escheatour take any office before hym, & do not retourne the same into the Chauncerye, or the eschequer, withi the moneth next after the taking therof, he shal incurre the payn of xl.li. forfayt by the statute made. An. 8. H.6. & further shalbe bounde to pay to the kyng, as muche as he is endamaged by the not retournynge of the same. And that the Chancellor of Englande

calling to hym the Treasorer of Englande may lasse suche termes, for the due execucyon of the sayde Statute. Nevertheles it appereth yᵗ the same statute giueth but .xx.li. of forfaite against the Escheators, or Cõmissioners. Therfor serche for ỹ true record of both the statutes. An. 18. H. 6. ca. 7

¶ Escheatours must take theyr inquesitions of office by vertue of the wrytte of (die clausit extremũ) and al other wrytte within one moneth aft the receyte of the same/ & that such inquestis be take in good townes & open places. And that none of them pryuely nor openly by him selfe, or by other take any thyng for therecutyon of suche writtes in one countye aboue the sume of .vi.s. viii. d. or xiii.s. iiii. d. or vnder with his labor & his costis) so that the sum that he hathe taken all to gither exede nat aboue .xl.s. for therecucyõ of any such wrytte in one countie. And if he do contrary to the premysses, then to forfayte the sume of xl. li. the moyte to him that wyll sue for the kynge & hym selfe. Anno. 23. H. 6. capi. 17.

¶ None shalbe Escheator, if he haue nat landes or tenemẽtes to the value of .xx. li. within the costis for terme of life, nor in the costie where he is Escheator. Nor no Escheatour shall set his office to ferme/ nor make deputie (other thẽ he wyl at his perell aunswere for) whole name he must certifye by his letters patẽtis to the Tresorer & Barons of the Escheques for ỹ time being within .xx. daies after such deputaciõ made. And ỹ no such deputie take vpon him to occupy in the saide office/ õles the Escheator haue landes tenemẽtes or rentes to the yerely value of .xx. li. as before is sayde. And if any person do contraris to the premisses or any of

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them, then to forfayte for euery defaute. xl.li. the one moyte to him that wyl sue, & the other to the vse of the kynges house, by accyon of det, where no wager of lawe, Essoine, or ptection shall lye.

An.12 Ed.4.cap.9.

¶ No Sheryf, Eschetour, nor other person shall lease or take the goodes of any person arrested or imprysoned for felony, before that the same person so arrested or imprisoned be cõuicte, or attainted of the same felony accordynge to the lawe of Englande / or that the same goodes shalbe otherwyse forfayted / vpon payne to forfayt the double value of the goodes take to the partye damaged, sayenge therfore by accion of dette / where no wager of lawe / essoyne nor ptection shall lye. An.1. Richardi tertii Cap.iii.

¶ yf any Eschetour / or Commissioner put into any of the kinges courtes any inquisicion or office concerninge landes or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, not founde nor presented by othes of twelue men, and indented, and by them sealed. the to forfayte for euery sucke offence returned, and put into any of the kinges courtes one. C.li. to the partye greued. Anno. tercio Henrici octaui Capitulo secundo.

¶ No Eschetour nor other Commissioner shall sytt by vertue of any Cõmission to enquyre of landes and tenementes, except he haue landes, or tenementes, or hereditamentes to the yerely value of.xl.marke ouer al charges vpon payne of.xx.li.

¶ The Eschetours & Commissioners shal be discharged by theyr othes that they may not dispute. xl. markes ouer al charges / and that vpon ptestes made agaynste them out of the Escheker. The

Eschetours

Eschetours and Commissioners shal syt in open places and shall suffer euery person to gyue euy-dence openly in theyr presens to the enquest take before them vpon payne of xx li.

¶ The Jurie shal receyue the counterpayne of the indenture that shalbe presented, endented and sealed by the Eschetour or Commissioner, and to rest in the possession of the fyrst man that was swoorne in the same Jurie/vpon payne of euery person that shalbe swoorne. xx.s.

¶ And euery Eschetour, and Cõmissioner after that the Jurie be swoorne, and redy to gyue theyr verdit, & offre to present the same, that the same Eschetours or Commissioners, or parte of them shal receyue the same verdit without further delay vpon payne of a.C.li. and delyuer the counterpayne of the same indenture to the Jurye in in fourme before sayde, vpon the same payne.

¶ And yf the clerke of the petit bagge, or his deputie wyll not receyue suche offyces, and put it into the files to remayne of recorde within thre dayes after it be reserued or offred to be receyued, he to forfayte for euery suche defaute. xl.li. And the Cõmissioner, & Eschetour to be discharged of the penaltye of. xl.li. lymitted by the Statute for non retournynge of the same offyces, or inquisicio within one moneth.

¶ And lyke lawe and penaltie to be agaynst the officers in the kinges Escheker which ought to receyue such inquisicions, for refusinge so to receyue them. And the Cõmissioners, & Eschetours so be discharged of ꝑ penaltie for non retournige of the same inquisicio so ꝑ the said Eschetours, or Commissioners at any tyme after the moneth

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of suche office before them founde, or before any of them within an other moneth then next ensuynge, retourne the sayde office into the Chaūcerye, or Escheker as the case shal requyre. And the clerke of the petit bagge to certifie the transcript of euery suche office take before any Commissioner, or Eschetour, into the Escheker the next terme folowinge the receipte therof, vpon payne of a.C.s for euery suche defaute.

¶ And no man be cōpelled to occupie the office of Eschetour by any patent ouer one hoole yere, and that he that is ones Eschetour shall not be Eschetour agayne within thre yeres next after the sayde hole yere ended.

¶ If any Eschetour exercyse his office by reasō of any patent ouer the tyme of an hole yere endyd/or be made Eschetour within thre yeres after: then after the sayde hole yere endyd hys patent so made to be voyde, and the partie greuyd shal haue his recouerie of euery of the sayde forfaytures of one hundreth pounde, by accyon of det/ where no wager of lawe essoyne nor protection to be allowed. There be dyuers prouisions made for diuers Eschetours in Cyties, and Boroughes, and in dyuers counties.

¶ And yf the landes, or tenementes of any man be seased into the kinges handes by vertue of any office founde before the Eschetour, or Cōmissyoner, or by reason of an other recorde, founde in the Chauncery, or the escheker / and he that so is put out of his landes by reason of suche recorde, or office so founden come and trauerse that recorde or office, and it is founde for him / where vpon he hathe hys iudgement that the kynges

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handes be cloſed and amoued: nowe yf it ſo be that there be an other recorde or office found remaynynge amongſte the kynges recordes, which is not trauerſyd nor tried, yet ſhall not the eſchetour ſeaſe the landes agayne into the kynges handes by reaſon of that recorde brynge founde and not trauerſed. And yf he do, then dothe he wrong and extorcyon / and the partye that is put out ſhall haue aſſiſe agaynſte him, and ſhall recouer double damages agaynſte him. But in ſuche caſe the kinge muſt ſue a Scire facias againſte him that hathe the landes out of his handes, vpon this other recorde or office that was not trauerſyd before. This is gyuen by the ſtatute of Lyncolne called the ſtatute of Eſchetoures. An. 19. Edwardi ſecundo.

¶ And yf the Eſchetour by colour of hys office without warrant or auctorite of the lawe that belongeth to his office, diſſeiſe any man of hys landes or tenementes: the partye that is diſſeyſed ſhal haue an aſſiſe of Nouel diſſeiſon, and ſhall recouer double damages againſte the Eſchetour. Weſtm. 1. Capitulo. 26.

¶ The Eſchetour hathe no power to amerce any man that appereth before hym, and myſdemeaneth him ſelfe / or yf the Iurrours that be ſomoned to appere before do make default, he ſhal record ſuche thinges in his rolle, and ſhall not amerce the Iurrours / but he ſhall ſende the ſame recorde to the Iuſtyces in Eyre, or to the Iuſtyces of Aſſiſe, when they come into the coūtre.

¶ It ſhalbe leful to the Sheref / Iuſtice of peas and Eſcheatours to ſeaſe to the kynges vſe all ſuch goodes, and catteles that ſuch perſons as

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come within this realme that be called Egyppcy-ans haue / and therof to make accompte to the kynge in his Escheker, and to retayne and kepe the moyte therof to hys owne vse, and accompts for the residue, and to pay no fees for the accopt nor for his discharge therof.

¶ The office of Constables.

FUrther ye shall enquyre of the Cõstables haue duely vsed theyr offices, and yf they haue vsed any extorciõ in vsing therof And forasmoch as the office of a Constable was an office at the comon lawe, and was ordayned for the conseruaciõ of the kinges peas to be had & kepte in euery towne amonge the kinges subiectis there dwelling cõwhat shalbe spokẽ therof

¶ Who were Conseruators of the peas at the comon lawe.

¶ It is now to be sene for the cõseruaciõ of the peas, what psons by the comon lawe had auctorite therin, before the making of the statutes whee by Justicers of the peace are ordeined. And it seemeth ℈ by the comõ law diuers psons were conseruatours of the peas: for at the comõ lawe ther was one pson whiche is called Chefe Justice of Englande, to whõ the kinge cõmitted his auctorite in the ministraciõ of Justice for thinges touching his corone, & for the cõseruaciõ of his peas amonge his subiect℈ throughout all hys realme. And that is pupd by the wrytte which the kyng sendeth to him, that he shal holde his place in the ministracyon of Justyce to hys subiectes in the fourme aboue sayde throughout all his realme.

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appere that the same Chiefe Justice is highe conseruatour of the peas throughe out al the counties of Englande, & in euery parte of the realme where he goeth. Also ther be other pſõs cõseruatours of the peas throughout ꝧ realme / as the Steward of Englãd / the Warthal & the Cõstas of englãd. Also the cõstables of euery town were & be kepers of the peace by the comõ lawe / lykewyse the hyghe Constables of hundredes, wapẽtakes, lathes, or tythinges were and be conseruatours of the peas by the comon lawe within the townes or hundredes and within theyr limittes. And before the makynge of the statutes wherby Justiceres of the peas are ordaygned, the kynge by his commyſſyon made Conseruatours of the peas in those countyes and places (where him thought best to kepe his peas. And thauctorite whiche Conseruatours of the peas had by the comon lawe, is the same auctorite that a Constable of a towne or wapentake hath at thys day, the whiche I shal partly touche.

¶ If one make assaulte vpon the Constable, the Cõstable may defende him & may take him, & cõmyt hi to the gayle vntyl he haue found suerty to kepe the peas / though that the assault were made vpon hi selfe. As it appereth .M.v..H.vii. in the tytle Barre. moche more then yf a Constable se one makynge assaulte vpon a straunge person, maye he take him, and commytte him to pryſon, or to the gayle, vntyll he haue founde suertye to kepe the peace.

¶ And yf one man threate an other / wherupon he that is threatened cometh to the Constable, & sheweth this matter / and prayeth hym to compell

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him that so threatened hym to fynde suertye: in thys case the Constables and the partye that is threatened may go and compell him that so dyd make such threateninge to fynde suertye to kepe the peas/and yf he wyll not, they maye commyt him to warde vntill he hath founde such suretye as you may see. W.44. E.3. in the title of Barre.

¶ And if one be striken in parel of death, it is the office of the Constable of the towne to arreste the offendour, and to kepe him in prison, vntill it be knowen whether the partye so striken wyll lyue or dye/or vntyl that he haue founde suertye to appere before the Justicers of Gaole delyuere or at suche tyme as he shal be called vpon to appere before the Justyceers at theyr discrecion.

¶ And yf one flee for felonye it is thoffyce of the Constable of the towne to seale his goodes, and to kepe them/and yf they happe to be empayred in his kepinge, he shal answere for them to the kinge 3. E.3. in the Eyre of Northampton/ But by the statute made that is chaunged. And yf felons, or murderers be in the towne, & the Constable hathe knowledge therof: it is his office & dupte to assemble people for to take them.

¶ And yf one take a felon in the towne, & bringe him to the Constable to be conueyed to the gaol, the Cõstables office is to cause hym thether/and to cause other of the towne to ayde and assyste him in so doynge.

¶ And note that Constables were ordayned for two intentes / that is to wytte to kepe the peas, and also to represse felõs, to take suretyes by obligacion of suche persons as they shall fynd mayhynge affrayes.

¶ It appertayneth to thoffice of the chiefe constable of Englande to haue conusaunce of deades of armes & contractes touching dedes of armes, & of war out of the realme and in lyke maner of thinges touching armes within the realme, which can not be determined by the comon lawe, as it apperith clerely by thestatute made the.xiii.yere of Richarde the thirde. Capi.2.

¶ Also it apperith by thestatute made.In.r.Ca.14.that all appeallis to be made of thinges done out of the realme of Englande shalbe tryed, and determined before the Constable Marshal of Englande for the tyme beinge.

¶ Also when bataile is ioyned in a writ of right or in Appeale, that shalbe derayned before the Cōstable and Marshal, howbeit the Justices muste see the bataile done, bicause they be apperly Judges therof and nat the cōstable, nor the Marshall

¶ And the Constables haue many other auctorityes alwell by the comon lawe, as by estatutes made the whiche you may see there.

¶ In.7.Ed.4.it is layde that Gardeines of the peace at the comon lawe may enquire of congregacions and vnlawfull assembles, and of disseason with force/but nat of entreis with force. But nowe by thestatute, if one entre with force, or do disseason with force, or entre peasably, and kepe possession with force/ the iustices of peace maye make restitucion to the partie, and put hym in possession by their writte directed to the Sherike.

¶ Constables in the towne where they beare office, may arrest men that go or ride armed in feyres, or markettes by day or by nyght, and take their armour as forfaite to the kyng, and empri-

son them

ton the at the kinges pleasure. An. 2. E. 3. at M.

¶ The kinges puruetours ought to make their purueyaunce for the kinges house, by the Constable / & foure honest men of the townes where such puruciaunces shal be made, without threatening / & in pleces the cõstables & pursuours, tayles shalbe made, & sealed with the seales of the takers, betweene the sayde Takers, and the parties of whom the goodes be taken. And if any Taker make his prise otherwise, it shall be done with them as with a thefe. An. 2. Ed. 3. Capi. 1.

¶ Constables of townes muste arrest suche as passe by night, of whome suspection is had, and deliuer them to the Sherife, there to remayne in warde vntill they be duely deliuered. Also they must arreste suche as be called Robberdys men, wasters, and Drawlatches (if suspection be had of any suche) be it by nyght or daye, and deliuer them to the Sherife vntill the cumming of the Justicers of gaole deliuere. An. 5. E. 3. Ca. 14.

¶ It is ordeyned that none shall take for threshing a quarter of wheate or cõme above. ii. d. ob and for a quarter of maire, beanes, peas, & otes i. d. ob. if somuche haue ben vsid to be giuen and in the cõtrey where they vse to reape by the sheffe and threshe by the bushel, they shal take no more nor otherwise. And that suche labourers and other seruauntes shal make an othe two times in the yere, before Lordes, Stewardes, Bayliffes, and Constables of euery towne, to do and kepe this ordinaunce, and that none of them shall go out of the towne where they dwelled in winter for to serue in somer (yf he can haue seruyce in the same towne, sauing to the folke of þ cõtries

of Stafforde, Derpy, Lancaster, Crouen and the Marches of wales their free libertie to labour in other contreis in the time of August. And they that refuse to make suche othe, or to perfourme that thynge that they haue swoone and taken vpō thē, shalbe put in stockes by the saide Stewardes, Baylliffes, Constables, of townes, by the space of thre daies or more/ and shalbe sent aftes to the nexte gaole, & there to remaine vntill they wilbe orderid/ and that there be stockes in euery towne for the same entent. And the Stewardes Bailliffes, & Constables, shall make othe before Justicers assigned to enquire diligently of all them that offende against this ordinaunce, and to certifie their names before the same Justicers when they shall come into the contrey, to kepe their Sessions/ vpon which Certificat made the same Justicers shall cause them to be attachyd by their bodies to appere before the sayde Justicers, to aunswere vnto such contemptes/ so that if they be attaynted, they shall make fyne and raunsom, & further to be commaundid to prison vntill they haue founden suretie to serue in maner aboue saide. And the Justicers at euery time that they shall come into the contrey, shall enquire of Stewardes, Bailliffes, and Constables whither they haue made, good & lawfull Certificat or haue concealid ought for any gifte, procurement, or affinyte, and shall punisshe them by fine and raunsom, if they be founde gyltie. Anno 22 Ed. 3. Capi. 2. & 8.

¶ Constables of townes where as faitoures, or vagabundes resorte haue power to examyne them diligently, and compel them to fynd suertie of their

of theese good behauour by sufficyent maynpee-
nours dyscreynable in case that any defaulte be
founden in suche saytoures and vagabundes.
And yf they can fynde no suche suertye, then to
be sent vnto the next gayle there to remayn vnto
the cõmynge of the Justicers of gayle delyuerte,
whiche haue auctorytie to do with such saytou-
res and vagabundes as they shal thynke beste to
be done by the lawe. An.1.R.2.Cap.5.

¶ Constables of townes may arrest any seruaūt
or labozer cõminge to the towne, from any place
vagaraunt/oneles he haue a letter contaynynge
the cause of hys goinge, and the tyme of his re-
tourne, vnder the kynges seale that therto shall
be assigned, and deliuered to the custodie of some
honest man of the Hundzed, Wapentake, Cytie,
or Boroughe accozdynge to the discrecyon of the
Justices of peas. And the Constables maye put
him in the stockes, & kepe him vntil he haue foūde
suertye to retourne to his scrupce, or to serue in
the towne from whens he came, vntyl he haue a
letter to departe vpõ cause reasonable. An.12.
Richardi secundi Capitulo tertio.

¶ Constables haue power to arrest seruauntes
and labozers that beare aboute them baslarde,
dagger, or knyfe, and to sease the sayde weapons
as forfayte, and them to kepe vntyll the Sessyõs
of the Justicers of peas, before whom they shall
present suche weapons with the names of them
that bare them, excepte they trauayle in the cun-
trey in theyr maysters message. Anno.xiiii.
Richardi secundi Capitulo sexto.

¶ Shireffes and other the kings ministers may
take the power of the countrey to represse assem-

bles, and riottes in outragyous nombre, and to cõmyt them to prison. In.xvii.R.2.Cap.viii.

It semeth by these word (the kynges ministres) that Constables of townes haue power to do so by this acte aswel as the Shireffes.

¶ Constables may arreste seruauntes labourers, & imprison them by the space of sixe daies. which vse not bowes and arrowes vpon Sõdayes and suche other Festyual dayes/whiche wyl not leue vtterly al playenge at the bal, aswel with hande as with foote, & other games called coytes, dyce, castynge of the stone, keyles and other lyke impositune games. Anno.xi.H.4.Cap.4.

¶ Constables and al the kiges liege people that are able to trauayle within the countie muste be assystynge and aydinge to the Justicers of peas, and the Shireffes to represse greate ryottes, and vnlawful assembles, vpon payne of imprisonmẽt and to make fyne and raunsome. In.secundo Henrici quinti Capitulo octauo.

¶ Constables shalbe made in euery parte of the marches of Wales, and market townes to enquyre, serche and arrest suche persons that carye vytayle or armour to any parte of Wales, without the kynges lycense, whiche Constables shall haue the fyrste parte of the forfayte for theyr trauayle. Anno.quarto H.quarti Cap xxvi.

¶ Cõstables of porte townes (wher souldeours that haue bene retayned in wages to serue in warre beyonde the see, or vpon the see, & departe from theyr Captayne and tourne backe, and arryue in any porte of Englande without lycense of theyr Captayne vnder his seale) maye arreste suche souldeours, and kepe them vntyll enquerye

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be made of them / and yf it may be prouyd by enquerie before Justyceers of the peas, and proues that they haue mustryd of recorde, and departed from theyr Captayn(as before is sayde)without lycense/then they to be ponysshed as felons.

Anno.xviii.Henrici sexti Cap.xix.

¶ The Constables Tithingmen and chiefe pledges of euery town must assyste ayde the owners and sellers of any goodes(where the kynges purueyours wyl make theyr purueyance,or bargain of any goodes to the value of.xl.s.or vnder of any person)and wyl not make prest payement in hande: in whiche case it shalbe lawefull to euery one of the kynges lieges,to retayne them, and to resyst such purueiours, and not to suffer them to make any suche purueyance. And yf the Constable, Tythingman, or chiefe pledge be required to ayde or assiste any man in making such resistence and he refuse it,he shal paye to the partye greued the value of the thinge so taken by accion of det/ with the damages to the double. An.xx.Henrici sexti Capitulo.xiiii.

¶ Constables may arrest purueiours or biers of any lorde,or other person (except purueyours for the kyng and the quene) whiche take any vytaile or cariage against the wyl of the owners, and to committe them to the nexte prison of the kynges, there to remayn without bayle or mainprysse, vntyll they haue deliuered all the sayde vitayles, or cariages,and other thynges so taken. And yf the Constables do otherwyse when they be required, they shal forfayte twenty pounde. The moyte to be to the partis from whom the goodes were taken,to be recouered by accion of dette, where in

the defendant shal not wage his lawe. An. xxiii. Henrici sexti Capitulo. xiiii.

¶ Clothyers shal pay to carders, spynners, and other labourers lawfull money for theyr wages/ and the carders fullours, and other labourers shal do theyr duety vpō payn of double damage. And the Constables of the hundred or Constable may here and determine the complaintes of euery suche clothier, and labourer aswel for non payement of the sayde wages of labourers, as of the sayde forfaytures and damages by due examynacion of the parties in that behalfe, and further for non payment of the sayde dutyes, forfaytures and damages, to committe the trespassours to the next gayle in the same countie, vntyl the said duetyes, forfaytures, & damages be duely payed vnto the sayde labozers, or carders. Anno. quarto Edwardi quarti Cap.

¶ Euery hyghe Constable or petyt Constable shal take or cause to be taken al vagabūdes, idle people, and suspecte persons liuyng suspectiously and set them in the stockes, and there to remayne by one daye & one nyght, and to haue none other sustynaunce but breade and water, and then to auoyde the towne where they were taken, into suche place or hundreth where they were borne, or where they last dwelled by the space of thre yeres. And yf ektsones they be taken in such defaut then they to be set lykewyse in the stockes by thre dayes and thre nyghtes with lyke diet. An. 19. Henrici septimi Capitulo. xii.

¶ Constables and other head officers & euery of them findinge or knowinge any person, vsinge or exercisyng any vnlawful games, as tenes playe,

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Bowles, Clashe, and all other vnlawfull games prohebyted by many statutes, shall haue full power to commytte euery suche offendour to warde, there to remaine withoute baile or mainprys till suche tyme he or they so offendinge be bounden by obligatyon to the Kynges vse in suche some as by discrecyon of the same officer shalbe thought reasonable, that they from thens forth shall nat vse any vnlawfull games. An. Sexto Henrici. octaui. Capi. 2.

¶ For wagis for bote men, and for their barges or botes, or for a barge from London to Graues ende. iii. d. ozelles euery person and his male. ii. d from London, to Erith, Grenewiche, Graysforde, or Purfleete. xii. d. or elles for euery person and his fardel. i. d. so it passe nat xii. d. from London to Wulwiche. xx. d. for a bote or whery, that is the tide bote, ozels euery person. ob. from London to Grenewiche. iiii. d. or elles. ob. for euery person and his fardell, from London bridge, or Saynt mary oueres, or Poules wherffe to westmynster. iiii. d. ozels euery person a. ob. from the blacke freers, Bridwell, and the Temple to westminstre, or Lambeth. ii. d. with their males, or els euery person. ob. so that it amonte. ii. d. from west minstre to Lambeth, or Stayngate one. ob. for a bote from London to Wortlake. xii. d. or els euery person. ii. d. with his male. And from those places aboue named to London for a bote, or barge lyke sommes to be payde. And these articles to be kepte vpon payne to forfayte treble the fare, The Baillifes, Constables, and other the kinges officers next adioyning to the feries, vpon compleint to them made or to any of them, by them that be

greued in that behalfe, may arreste them and cõmit them to warde for theyr misdemeanour, and to make fyne for the same.. An. 6. H. 8. Ca. 7.

¶ By the statute made. An. 22. H. 8. howe impotent persones shalbe ordered to begge and haue their lining. It is ordeyned that if any impotent persõ auctorised to begge, do begge in any other place, then within the limittes to him assigned, then the Constables and all other the kinges officers, shall by their discrecion punisshe all suche persones by imprisonmente in the stockes by the space of two dayes and two nightes, giuing thẽ but only breade and water / after that to cause euery suche person to be sworne to retourne againe without delay to the hondreth, rape, citie, borough, towne, Parishe, or Fraunchise, where they be auctorised to begge in.

¶ And if any impotent person be vagarant and go a begging and haue no such lettre vnder seale as is specified by this statute, then the Constables and all other inhabitauntes within suche Townes or Parishe, shall cause euery suche begger to be taken and brought to the next Justice of peace or hygh Constable of the hundreth. And therupon the saide Justice of peace, or highe Cõstable, shall commaunde the sayde Constables & inhabitantes of the towne or parishe which shal bring before him any such begger that they shal strippe him naked from the midle vpwarde, and cause him to be whipped withi the towne wher he was taken, or where the same Justice of peas or highe Constable shall appoynt. And if nat / thẽ to commaunde suche begger to be set in the stockes in the same Towne or parishe wher he was

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taken by the space of thre dates and thre nyghtes to haue onely breade and water, and therupon the sayde Justices or highe Constables shall limit a place to the same begger to begge in. And to giue him a letter vnder seale in fourme before limitted, to swere hym to repaire thither immediatly after his punishement executed.

¶ And all other persones being hole and mighty in bodie that do begge, the Constable of the hundreth, rape, or wapentake, wherin suche persons shalbe so taken. And the Justices of peace, or highe Constable (before whom they shall be brought) by their discrecyons shall cause them to be brought to suche places where they thinke conuenient, there to be whipped naked through the towne / or market and then to be sworne to returne to the place where he was borne, or where he laste dwelled by the space of thre yeres and to haue a letter vnder the seale witnessings that he hath bene punished.

¶ Also all psons abiured to any saintuarie wtin this realme, shalbe conueied there vnto by the Constables of euery townеshippe, that is from towne to towne till that he come vnto the same saintuarie wherunto he is abiured, in lyke maner & fourme as persons that had abiured this realme, shulde haue bene conueyed to the nexte porte of the see, from the place where they be abiured vnto the same porte by course of the comō lawe before the makinge of this statute. An. 22. Henrici octaui. Cap. 13.

¶ Euery fermour or owner of landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof the yerely value or rent amounteth to. x. pounde, which manureth

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the same/shal pay to euery person whiche by hys delygence and labour at his owne costes taketh any olde crowes, and rokes, or choughes vpō the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes of the yerely value aforesaid two pens for euery twelue olde crowes, rokes, or choughes, and .i. ō. for lyke .one. ob. for thre olde crowes, rokes, or choughes And yf any fermour or owner refuse to paye the the sayde money accordynge as is aforesaide: thē vpon cōplaint and proue made therof to any Iustice of peas, or highe Cōstable, the same Iustice or highe Constable shal cause the same money to be leuyed by distresse of the goodes and catteles of euery suche fermour or occupyer of the same landes & tenementes. In. xviii. H. 8. Cap. 10.

¶ Where it is ordayned by an estatute made in the. xii. yere of kynge Ry. the seconde Cap. 9. that he whiche espyeth and proueth defaultes in any clothes put to sale contrarye to the assyse therof ordayned touching clothes, and contrarye to the sayd estatutes, shulde haue the thyrde parte of euery suche clothe beynge defectyue for his labour by the delyuere of the Sheriffes, yf they be present or els of the lordes of faires and markettes, or of Stewardes, Bailyffes, or Constables of townes where suche defectyue clothes shalbe founde, by Indenture betwene them to be made/the which shalbe deliuered euery yere into the escheker at the feaste of S. Myghel by them that shal make such delyuere/ to thentent to charge the Iurasours, and Collours, by whom such maner of defaultes ought to be serched and amendyd. In. septimo Richardi secundi Capi. nono.

¶ If any person shyppe marchaundise of the sta-

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ple in places suspected adioynynge to the costes of the water, and maketh no Indentures therof betwene him and the Mayer or Constable of the towne, they shalbe forfayte / and the kynge shall haue the one moyte, and the lorde of the towne, and he that founde and sealyd suche warres shall haue the other moyte. And it is lawful for euery person to serche in these cases. Anno. xiiii. Henrici sexti Capitulo quinto.

¶ It is ordayned that a horse man shall pay for passage at Douer thre shyllynges, and a fote mā vi.d. And the Constable of Douer to ponisshe the that do the cōtrarie at the suyt of the partye that wyl complayn, and shal do him ryght in that behalfe. An. quarto. E. tertii. Capi. octauo.

Here endeth the office of Constables.

¶ Moreuer ye shal enquire of Coroners if they do theyr office duely / and yf they take by extorcīō any thinge which they ought not to haue by the ordre of the lawe for doinge of theyr offyces.

¶ The offyce of the Coroner.

FOR to declare plainly thoffices of a Coroner, it apperyth by the statute of M. Carta in the. xv. Cha. that no Coroner ought to holde any plees of the Crowne. But Bryton declareth the offyces of a Coroner [fourme folowige. Fyrste that in euery countye Coroners shalbe the principal conseruatours of the peas to beare rewarde of al pleas of the Crowne, as of abiuracīōs vtlagaries, and such lyke. And the Coroners shal

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make an othe before the Shirek in the full coun-
tre, that they shall make theyr inquestes, inrolles-
ments, and al that to the Coroners office apper-
tayneth lawfully, and without askinge allow-
ance. And yf any felony chaunce, or treasour be
founde, or any woman rauyshed, or prison broke
or any man woundyd nyghe vnto death, the Co-
roner (so sone as he shal knowe therof) shal sende
to the Shirek, and Baillyffs of the places (where
such auenture shall happen) to cause to come be-
fore hym by a certayne daye at the place (where
such chaunce befell) four of the next townshypp
& other if nede be, by whom he shall enquire the
veryte, & shall cõpell the townecshyppes to swere
vpon the sayntes to shewe the truthe of thase ar-
ticles that he shal demaunde of them. Then shal
the Coroner and the Iurrours viewe the bodye,
and the woundes, and the strokes, immediatly
and after suche viewe had the bodye shalbe bu-
ryed. And yf the Coroner fynde the bodye buried
before his cummynge, he shall record the same,
neuertheles he shall not omytte to dygge vp the
bodie, & make itbe viewed openly of the townes.
And those Iurrours whiche haue ben somoned,
and come not to thinqueries of Coroners, shalbe
amersed at the cummynge of the Iusticers at the
fyrste assyses in those Counties so that suche de-
faltes be entred in the Coroners rolle, so that the
Coroner shal haue no power to amerce noman
for any defaulte.

¶ And when thenquest is swoine the Coroner
must inquire if the person were slayne by felony,
or by miaduẽture/and whether the felony were
done within a howse, or without, and al the cir-
cum-

cũstaunce. And after it shalbe enquerid who were
present at the dede / and who be coulpable of
the dede / and who be coulpable of the ayde,
force, cõmaundment, consent, or receyte of suche
felones wittingly. And if the Cozoner haue any
suspeccion of the firste inqueste for concealment
of the trouth, or if it be nedefull to enquire bet-
ter, and by other, then shall he enquire diuers ty-
mes / and all suche as therof shall hap to be endi-
ted, the Shireffe shall take in all the haste, if they
may be founden / and if it nat, the Cozoners shall
enquyze who they be, and who hath withdrawē
them selues for that occasion. And the Sheriffe
shall forthwith cause their landes to be sealid, &
afterwardes all their gooddes, and cause them
to be prayled by lawful inquest / & the goodz wt
the prices shalbe enrolled in the Cozoners rolle,
and shalbe deliuerid to the townesshype for to be
answerable therfore vnto the king in case the
partie so indyted flye, & will nat stande to ryght.
¶ And after they shall enquyze yf he that is in-
dytid dyd euer hynde suretie to kepe the kynges
peace, & the names of his Wainpernous / which
and he shal entre into his rolle. And if the plaints
ife will sue Appele within the yere and the daye:
then shall he finde two sufficiente pledges to the
Sheryffe of that Countie, distreynable within
the same, to sue his appeale accordig to the law
of the lande. And than shal the Cozoner cause the
Appeale to be enterid with the names of the pled
gis / and after it shalbe commaunded vnto the
Seriaunt of the Countre where suche felonies
done (which as me semeth is the Sheriffe or his
Baylliffe errant) that he haue the bodye at the

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next countie. And yf the Sergaunte retourne at the seconde Coũtie that he can not finde the/ the shal it be awarded ỽ the principal beyng appeled of the dede, shalbe solemply called to stãde right towchyng the same felony, ỽ so shalbe called from coũtye to countie, vntil they cõe or be outlawed. And if the plaintiffe make defaute at any Counstie, then shall theexigent passe vntill the cõminge of the Justyces of the kingꝭ benche, or the Justyces in Eyre in the countrie. And if the principall be outlawed, the exigentes shall go forth immediatly against thaccessaries. And when any shal be outlawed, withdrawen or suspectid, the Cozoner shal enquyre at whose findig such a fugitius hathe ben, and accozding vnto the verdit he shal enrolle it/ỽ then enquyre of the landes and goodꝭ of the fugitiue. And if they appere before the butlarie, they shalbe repleuiable. And if the felonye were done out of a house, the Cozoner shall enquire who founde the bodye firste/ỽ he shalbe taken and let go vnder sureties. And that no Jurrour be remoued by chalenge of any partie. Neyther shall any Cozoner take any thinge by hym selfe, or by other, nor suffre to be taken by hys clerke, for doing hys office. And yf it be founde that any is deade by misaduenture/ then shall it be enquired what misaduenture/as if it be foũden that he fell from a Wine, it shalbe enquired what thinges were then mouing there, ỽ howemuche they be worth/ỽ so if he fell out of a carte And if one fall out of a shippe, nothinge is the cause of his deathe but the shippe, and the thinges that moue therin / and nat the Warchaunndise lienge there.

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¶ And the Coroners ought to receyue the confession of Felonies made by prouours in prefence of the Sheryffe who shalbe hys Comptrollour in all his office, and such confession he shal cause to be enrolled. And when any person fleyth to a church so sone as the Coroners shal haue knowledge therof, he shall sende to the Bayliffe of the place, that he shall cause to come before him by certayne daye the neighbours, 4 foure of the next townefhippes adioininge to the churche, and in theis presence shall receyue the confession of the felony. And if the fugityue praye to abiure the realme / the Coroner shall do that whiche to his office belongethe.

¶ Also then he shall enquire of Rape 4 of all the circūstance, the Appeales wherof with all other appealis of robbery, felony 4 suche lyke he shall causet o be entrid in his rolle.

¶ Also they shall enquyre of Treasone foundem of wrecks of the see, 4 of Sturgeons, 4 of whales taken / and who were the takers, whose names they shall enrolle, and let them go by mayneprise / And suche thinges as shall happen to be founde, they shall safely kepe to the kinges vse. And the Sheriffes, and Bayliffes, shalbe alwayes attendant vpon them, and their cōmaundementes.

¶ It is ordeined that through out all the Counties of Englande there be chosen sufficient Coroners, of the moste sage 4 lawfull knightes, that may best to the same office intende, whiche lawfully shall attache, and present pleas of the Crowne aswell of appeales, as of thynges to the same office belonging. And that no Coroner demaunde nor take any thinge for doing hys office

vpon payne of a greuous forfayture to the king. 1. Westm. Ca. 12. But nowe by the statute made An. 1. of Henri. the. viii. Capi. 1. the coroner shall haue. xiii. s. iiii. d. of the goodes of the Murderer. And if the Murder be committed in the day time, and the murderer escape, the Coroner shall haue. xiii. s. iiii. d. for the escape vpō the township.

Also it appereth by an estatute made in the. xiii yere of Edwarde the first, whiche is called the estatute of Excester, vnder what order inquisicio shalbe made of the defautes of Coroners (be they aliue or deade) where ye shall see the charge that shalbe giuen to thinquestes that shall be chargid to enquyre of Coroners, in whiche charge it apperith further what the Coroner ought to do by his office, whiche charge here ensuith.

The fourme of the charge to enquyre of the defaultes of Coroners accordyng to the Estatute of Excester.

Yrst they shal enquire yf the Coroner go in proper person to do his office, or nat, wherby it apperith that he can nat make a deputie.

2. Also if he haue any other to do his office what he was, & how often and aboute what aduentures.

3 Also if he came at euery tyme of his owne good wyll without delay/or that he or his clerke haue taken any thynge for the more spedy executynge of his office.

4 Also if he tary or delaye to thentent to haue any thynge after that he hath knowledge of the trowthe, and after that he is sente vnto/how often, and

ten, and in what place, and vnder what maner.

5. ¶ Also if the goodes of felons taken by him be deliuered to the townes to kepe by a lawfull inquest as they ought to be, and enrolled in his recorde or nat.

6. ¶ Also if the Cozoner take any thing of any person for to take a false inquest for to disheryte the ryght of any / or to prayse the goodes for les then they be worthe.

7. Also if he entre any thing in his rolles, otherwyse then it was giuen by the enquest, & what thinge he or his clerke toke therfore, and howe often / and for what thinge he or his clerke toke suche thinge.

8. Also if he or his clerke toke of the goodes that were prayed, and prised them at les then they entred them in theyr rolles.

9. Also if the pres were nat assesid by thinquest.

10 Also if the towne shyppe were falsely charged / and of what thynge.

11. Also if any appeale were falsely enrollid, or imbesilled out of the rolles, after that they were entryd.

12. Also if he refuse to take any playnt of Appeale for pouertie hate, or other lyke cause, and what he toke for that occasion, and of whome, and howmuche.

13. Also if he or hys haue taken ought of the goodes of the partie that is deade vpon whose bodie he toke viewe, what thinge it was, and howe often he so dyd.

14. Also if he haue entred all the attachements to belonginge to his office in due maner / or if he haue made any attachemēt for to giue any pson

or to haue of his owne / & entre it into his rolles.
15 Also if he haue nat done his office at al times of his owne costes w^out taking ought therfore
16 Also yf he haue concealed ought at any coũtie, or procured to be murdered, to the greuaunce of any person / and yf he so dyd then to enquire howe often, and for what rewarde, and for whõ and in what case he so dyd.
17 Also yf al the attachementes hanginge, and lawfully receiued & pursuid by him as he ought to do for the kynge or for the partye, or cause to be pursuyd.
18 Also yf the goodes of suche as haue fled the townes where they dwel for suspection of felony were attached by hym, and praysed by inquest, and enrolled accordinge therunto, and delyuered vnto the townes (where those goodes were foũden) to be kepte safely vntyl the cummynge of the Justyces in Eyre.
19 Also yf he suffer appealles or other playntes to hym made to be conueyed awaye, imbeselyd or rasyd out of the rolles, and yf he take ought for suche falshed / of whome, howe moche, and howe many tymes.
20 Item yf there were any treasour foũde withi the tyme of the same Coroner, in what place / and what treasour / and howe moche / and in whose handes it resteth, and by whose delyuerance.
¶ This is the hole charge that Justices in Eyre must gyue for to enquyre of Coroners, & of theyr defaultes. Furthermore Justyces in Eyre maye impanel other inquestes of .xxiiii. persons of the bodie of the countye to enquyre of the concealmẽt of the fyrste inquestes whiche dyd enqui e of the

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defaultes of Cozoners.

¶ When Cozoners haue any knoweledge from the kinges Bayliffes, oz other honeſt men of the countrey foz to go vnto ſuche as be ſlayne oz ſodaynlye deade, oz wounded, oz bzekers of howſes oz to any place where treaſour is ſaid to be foũd, they muſt go furthwith / and commaunde foure, fyue, oz ſyxe of the next townethyppes that they be afoze them ſuche day and place, and when they ſhal come, the cozoner muſt make inquery therof in fourme folowynge.

¶ Fyrſte yf the perſon were ſlayne in howſe, oz in the fylde, in bed, oz at the tauerne. ꝛc. and who be gyltie there ether of the dede oz conſent. ꝛc. And yf any were in the court, ſo that they can ſpeake oz haue any diſcrecion/ and they that be founden gyltie by inqueſt ſhalbe taken, and delyuered to the Shiref. And ſuch as were preſent, and be not gyltie ſhalbe attached vntyl the comminge of the Juſtices / and there names ſhalbe wzytten in the Cozoners rolle.

¶ If any be ſodaynly ſlayne in feldes, oz in the woodes / it is fyrſte to be ſene whether he were ſlayne there oz not/ yf he were nat ſlayne there, thẽ as nere as they can/ they ſhal folowe the ſtepꝑes of hym that bzought the bodye thether with howſe oz carte / yf it be poſſible in caſe the murderer be knowen: and if he be a ſtranger/ then ſhall they enquire where he was lodged the nyght befoze. And touchinge ſuche as ſhalbe founden gyltie/ the Cozoner ſhal go immediatly to theyz houſes / and enquyre what goodes and landes they haue/ and howe morhe they be wozth by the yere.

¶ But by the ſtatute of kynge Rychard the.iii.

it is ordayned that the landes and goodes of such persons shalbe sealyd vntyl they be attaynted or otherwyse convicte by course of the lawe. And these thingꝭ thus being enquerȳd the bodies shal be buried incontinent.

¶ Moreover they must enquere of suche as be drowned or deade sodainly/ & whether they were drowned or strangled/or slayn/ and they must enquyre who were the finders that they may be attached/ also they must viewe the lenthe, bredthe, and depnes of al woundes, and muste enquere with what weapons, and what place of the body. And yf the wounde be mortall/the offendour shalbe kepte vntyl it be knowen whether the partye maye be hole. And if the wounde be great, thē he shalbe let go vnder foure, or fyve pledges, and if it be but litle, then two pledges shall suffyse. Also they must enquyre of horse cartes, and other thynges wherby any was slayne that they maye be praysed and deliuered vt supra.

Also they shall enquyre of wrecke of the see, and if any lay hāde vpon it, he shalbe attached by good pledgꝭ/and ȳ wrecke shalbe prised and deliuered to the next townshyppes. Furthermore hue and crie shalbe leuyed vpon al māslaughters, burglaries, or when any is slayn or i parel of death yf it maye be/ and al shal folowe suche hue and crye, yf they be able/and they that do not, shalbe attached to appere before the Justicers. ⁊c̄.

¶ Also yf any person flye vnto the churche or other halowed place for mourdre, felonye, or suche lyke offence/ the Coroner vpon knowledge therof shal come thether ⁊ take hꝭ cōfession/and if he wyl abiure the realme, the Coroner shall receyue hys

abiu-

abiuracion, whiche he shal say in this fourme.

¶ The fourme of the Abiuracyon.

HERE you thy Syr Cozoner that I A.B. am a theke of one hozse (oz other lyke thing) oz a manslear of one man (oz moo) and a felon of our soueraygne lozde kynge Henry the.viii. And fozsomoch as I haue cõmitted many euyl deades and felonies in this his realme, I here abiure hys lande foz euer/ and shall make as moche haste as I can to the hauen of D. whiche you haue assygned me. And I shall not departe out of the hyghe waye, and yf I do, I wyll that I be taken as a theke and felon of the kynge. And further I shall dylygentlye seke my passage at the place aboue lymitted/ and I shall not abide there any lengee then one ebbe and one floode if I may haue passage. And if I can nat haue passage in so muche space, I shall go euery daye into the seeuy to my knees, and assaye if I can get ouer/ And if I can nat so do within foztie dayes continuing, I shall yelde my selfe agayne to the churche, as the kinges theke & felon. So helpe me god and holidome

¶ Neuertheles it semith that when any person shal abiure, hi n behoueth to shewe the place the day and yere, and in what Countie he did the felonie, oz Murdze, whiche confession shalbe as an Inditement in effecte, notwithstandinge if he do it nat but only as befoze is expressid, it is good inoughe / bycause he is attaynted befoze by hys Abiuracion. Howbeit this maner of abiuracion is put out by the Estatue of H. the eight made in the.xxii. yere of his reygne, whereby it is ozdeyned that suche as wyl abiure, shal make theyr abiuracion

juracion from al their libertie vnto some sentua-
rie within this realme, there to remayne during
their lyues, and shalbe burned in the right hande
with this letter. A. And if suche a person be after
warde taken out of sentuarye, he shalbe ordered
in lyke maner as one that had abiured the realm
before the sayde Statute. And the same person
that so taketh the churche shall make hys abiu-
racyon, and shall take hys passage from thens
at suche a daye & time as the Coroner shall ap-
poynte, and shalbe marked vpon the brawne of
his thombe on the right hande with a burninge
yron, & shalbe conucied to the sentuarye where-
vnto he is abiured by the Mayor, Baillifes, Cō
stables, in suche facyon as they haue ben which
hereto fore had abiured the realme. And if any
felon refuse to abiure before the Coroner, he shal
be taken out of the sentuarie, and shall lese the
preuilege there of. And that is by the statute of
Anno. 21. H. 8. Capi. 2.

¶ Also it is ordeyned that none shall be chosen
Coroner, if he haue not lande sufficient within
the same countie for to aunswer all persons. An.
quarto Edwardi tercii. Capi. 8.

¶ And it is further ordeyned that all Coroners
shalbe chosen in the full Countye by the comons
of the sayde Countie of the most conuenient and
able persones. An. 28. Ed. 3. Capi. 6.

¶ The Coroner shall enquire vpon the viewe
of the bodye, if he were slayne by day if the mur-
derer be taken And if the Murderer escape, the
townshippe to be amerced. And the Coroner
shall enquire of that escape when he enquireth
of the death vpon the viewe of the bodie. And

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the Cozoner shall haue foz his fee. xiii. s. iiii. of the goodes of the murderer. And if he haue no good̃/ thé to haue his fee of such amerciamét as shalbe set vpō the townshipe foz ye scape. And after the murder founde/the Cozoner shall certifye hȳ inquisiciō afoze the Justices of the next generall Gaole deliuere in that Countie. And if the Cozoner be remisse/and make his inquisicyon vpon the viewe of the bodie/s certifie nat accordinge as is afozesayde:then the Cozoner foz euery default to foxfayte one.L.s. An.3.H.7.Ca.1.

¶ Hit is ozdeynid that vpon request to the Cozoner to come s enquere of any person dzowned oz slayne by misaduenture:the Cozoner shall diligently do his office without any thinge taking therfoze vpon payne of euery Cozoner that wyll nat endeuer hym to do his office/ oz that taketh any thinge foz doing his office vpon any person deade by misaduenture.xl.s. An.1.H.8.Ca.7.

¶ In case of mans death within the vierge, it shalbe cōmaundid to the Cozoner of the countre that he to gither with the Cozoner of the kinges house do make thenquire, and enrol it, and that whiche cannot be determined befoze the Stewes arde bicause the Felons be nat attachid, oz foz other lyke cause shal remayne at the comon law so that therigent̃ vtlagaries and pzisentment̃ therof be made in Eyze by the Cozoner of the contre, as of other felonies wte out of the vierge

Articles vpon the charters. Capi. 2.

¶ No Cozoner, Sheryffe, noz other officer shall take ought foz his office/s if he do, he shal restoze twise so muche. i. W. Ca. 28. But the statute of. H. 8. giueth to the Cozoner a marke foz a murder.

¶ Also it was saide by the Justyces .xx. Anno Richardi secundi that the Coroner hathe no power to enquere of mānes death, but only vpon view of the bodie, wherefore it is frustrat & voide And yf one Coroner enquere vpon the viewe of the bodie / and after another Coroner wyll come and enquere therof agayn, this second enquere is voide/for the fyrst enquerie is only of recorde.

¶ If one become a prouour before the Coroner he shal not afterwardes be admytted to say that he dyd commytte the acte by duresse of imprisonment, for the recordes of the Coroner shall estoppe hym to plede that.

¶ If any wyl sue appeal of robbrie, or larcenie, he must come into the ful cōtye within the yere and the day after the felonie done, and must fynd two pledges to folowe his suyt, and the Coroner shal entre his appeal immediatly in his rol, and the names of the pledges. And then shal it be cōmaunded to the Baillifs of the place, where. &c. that he haue the bodie at the nexte countie. And yf he retourne at the seconde countie (non est inuentus) then shal the appeall be called from cōtie to countye vntyll he be outlawed / and yf the plaintif make defaulte at any countye, then shal the exigent ceasse vntyl the Eyre of the Justices in the same countie/and the plaintif shal leese hys accion after apparance for euer/wherby it apperyth that after the yere and daye a man shall not haue appeal of felonie. And to this poynte agreythe Bracton in his fyrst boke.

¶ The Coroner must recorde his viewe, abiuracyon, appealles, and accusacyons of thekes made before him, and so must he do of al thinges

that

that belonge vnto hys offyce to be done / and the nonsuytes of plaintiffes in appealles he must re-cozde, with al thinges done in the countie which belonge vnto his offyce. Also ye shall note that appealles shalbe made in the courte of any lozde that hathe fraunchise of Inlaughter in presens of the Cozoner.&c.

¶ A presentment was sent into the kynges bēch by a Cozoner comprisyng howe a certayne perso̅ taken foz felony, was conueyed vnto the churche by certayn freres. &c. And bycause the Cozoner had no power to take such an inoitement, a wryt was directed to the same cozoner to certifye, whether he had any other presentment, oz not. An.xxvii. Edwardi tertii. Ri. Assisarum.

¶ An aduenture of the death of a man was presented before Justices in Eyze / and bycause the same was not founden in the Cozoners rolle the Cozoner was awaedyd to prison. The Cozoners fee in Eyze, is to haue a peny of euery venue, when they shal come.

¶ Note that a presentment made before Justyces in Eyze of a thynge, whiche is contrarie to that / that is entred in the Cozoners rolle, shalbe take̅ as voyde, and the Cozoners rolle shalbe taken foz the recozde.

¶ The Cozoner shall enqueare of the deathe of men slayne, oz drowned in the armes oz of the see where the lande maye be sene of eythes syde. But nowe by the statute made. An.xiii. R.ii. Capi.v. and confyrmed. An.ii.H.iiii.Cap. the admyrall hathe no iurisdiction, but onely vpon the hyghe see / wherby it appereth that the Cozoner hathe iurisdiccion there to enqueare of mannes death.

¶ Cozones

¶ A Coroner maye take an appeall of felonye made by any approuour in any countie of Englande/and so may he do of an abiuracion, in case that he confesse the felonie to be done in an other countie. And the Coroner may abiure him aswel vpon that, as yf the felony had bene done within the same countye. But he can not take any appealle of robboric, or felonie / oneles it be within the same countie where the robborye, or felonye was cõmyttyd : wherehe is Coroner / for by the confession/ or appeachement he is attaynted, and so is he not in the other case.

¶ One that becũmeth a prouer before Justicers shall nat haue a Coroner except he will confesse the felony before them, and praye a Coroner. T. 26. Ed. 3.

¶ And if one become a prouour, & appeale other of diuers felonies done in other counties: in this case the Coroner can nat make proces therupon into a foreyne countie / but he shal entre it in his rolle, and shal sende the same presentment before the Justicers of gayole deliuere, and the Justicers of gayole deliuere shall awarde proces to the Sherife of the foreyne countie for to take hi that is so appealed.

¶ Thus ye muste vnderstande that if any Sheriffes, Bailliffes, Escheatours, Constables, or Coroners take ought for doing their office, otherwise then to them is limited by the statute before declared: that thē suche taking is extorciō, which is punishable at the kinges pleasure, as apperith by the statutes before written and by the statute made. In. 1. H. 4. Ca. 11. wherby it apperith that Sheriffes, and their ministers, Bailliffes, & their

ministres

ministers, Escheatours, and their mynystres. Coroners, & their ministers are bounde to serue all preceptes to them directed from the Justicers of peace without taking aught of any partie. And if a precepte be directed to the Shereffe, or any other the kinges officer, to compelle any to appere before the Justicers to finde surety of the peace: if the partie (against whome any such precepte is directid) be redy to come before the sayde Justicers to finde suretie of the peace, they shall take nothinge of hym And in lyke maner muste they serue al processes that come to them directed out of the kinges benche, the comon place, the Eschequer, or the Chauncery without takinge ought therfore, but only the fees expressed in the Statutes before written. And if they take any other fees, it is plaine Extorcyon.

There endith the office of Coroners.

Of Ordinaryes.

42. NOwe must you enquere of the Extorcions of ordinaries if they take aught in such thinges as concernyng theyr offices, otherwise then is appointed to them.

A briefe declaracion concernyng the extorcyons of Ordinaryes, persones, &c.

Ordynaryes.

CO Concerning Ordinaries ye shal vnderstande that it is ordayned by an estatute made in the one and twenty yere of kynge Hery the eyghte, that the Ordynarye shal take for ꝑ probate of ꝑ testament of such a gl̃/ whose goodꝫ amoūte to the sum of a .L.s. and not aboue, no more but .vi.s.pens onely / and of goodes aboue the value of a .L.s. vnto .xl. li. vi.s. And ꝑ Scribe to haue .xii.d. of the same sum. And for the probate of a testament of goodes aboue the value of xl.li. v.s. wherof the Scribe to haue two.s.vi.d or for euery lyne beynge ten ynches in lenthe .i.d. and suche lyke summes for letters of administracion/ where suche persons dye intestate / and the testament to be regestred & deliuered to the partie deceassyd, or to both. And for the probate of a testament or letter of adminystracyon of goodes vnder the sum of a .L.s. the Ordinarye shal take nothing. Moreouer it is thoffyce of the Ordinarye to deface the seale of the testatour (wherwith the testamēt was sealed) and to deliuer it again to the partie. And yf the ordinarie take any more then afore is limitted, he shall forfayt somoch as he taketh and .x. li. more beside that/ wherof the moyte shal be to the partye greued.

¶ If the Ordinarie cyte any person to appere in a spiritual court to depose in any mattier there, as a wytnesse / that is extorcyon and wronge to the partye.

¶ If any Ordinarye, person, or vicar take any mortuarie after the death of any person, whiche had not in goodes to the value of .x. markes, that

is extorcion. And likewise it is where they take a mortuarie in such places, where it hath not bene accustomed to paye mortuaries. And euen so it is where a person or vicar taketh more then .iii.s. and .iiii.d. i the name of a mortuarie if the goodes amounte aboue .x. markes, and vnder the value of xxx.li. for that is extorcyon. Also yf he take more then .vi.s. viii.d. for a mortuarie wher the goodes be about the value of .xxx.li. and vnder the sume of .xl.li. the dettes payed/that is extorcion.

¶ And if they take of them whole goodes amounte to .xl.li. aboue the dettes payed, more then .x.s. for a mortuary, that is extorcion.

¶ And yf they take any mortuarye for a woman maried, or one that is within age, or for a man that kepith no house: at is extorcyon.

¶ And if any mortuarye be taken in wales, it is extorcion/except Bishoppes that shall take mortuaries there of preestes, and curates / And the Archedeacon of Chester shall take mortuaries of preestes within the countie of Chester.

¶ And whosoeuer taketh for a mortuarie, more then he ought, shall forfayte asmuche in value as he taketh, and .xl.s. besides that to the partie queried. Anno. 21. Henrici octaui. Ca.

And this haue I thought sufficient to declare vnto you concer nynge Extorcyons of Ordinaryes, persons, vicars and Curates.

Loke more of ordinaries in the charge in the.43.article of Escapes.

Escapes.

43. Also ye shall enquyre of Escapes, as where one man arresteth an other for felony / & the partie so being arrested, escape from him negligently for defaute of good keping against the wyll of the Keper: that is a negligent escape, and finable at the discrecion of the Justicers. And so it is where one being in warde of the Sheriffe, or of any gayloure for felony, & escape from them against theyr willes for defaulte of good keping: that is a negligent escape, and finable as before is sayde.

¶ Also ye shall enquyre of negligent escapes of ordinaries, and that is where any prysoner being convicte of felony, and in warde in the ordinaries prison dothe escape out of the same without due purgacio made: or where the prisoner is a Clarke attainted, or convicte by his owne confession (in whiche cases he shall nat make hys purgacyon) doth escape out of prison, or make his purgacion yet that is an escape / and the ordinarie shall paye C.li. for the escape of euery suche prisoner being in his warde for felonie, and that is by the comō lawe.

Ryottes.

44. Also ye shall enquire of all riottes, and vnlawfull assembles of people to an euill entent / in which case if they do ought contrarie to the lawe after theis assemble, it is called a Ryotte / and yf they do nothing but assemble, and departe vpon the same without further doinge: that is called a ryotte, or an vnlawfull assemble.

Forcible entres.

45. Also ye shal enquyre of forcible entres made in to

in to any landes or tenementes, or rentes, be it by wronge or ryght: for though a man haue ryghte to entre in lãdes, yet may he nat entre with force but he shalbe punyshed therfore by Indytement at the kinges suyt, but nat at the suit of the partie by accion. And if one entre peasible, and holde himselfe in with force, he shalbe punyshed. But one may distraine for rent with force, and maye compell the tenaũt to pay him the rent with force And that shalbe sayd an Entre with force, as it apperith. W. 20. H. 6.

Forstallers and Regratoures.

46. Also ye shall enquyre of Forstallours and Regrators/And what persons shalbe saide Forstallours, it apperith by the olde statutes thereof made. And Forstallours be properly such as bye wares, Marchaundizes, and suche other salable thinges, as they be cumming vnto Markettes, or fayres, before that they be brought thyther to be solde / and suche also as come vnto straunge Marchauntes, and enforme them that they can sell theyr marchaundises for them, at more hygh pryce than they them selfe can sell them/and therupon do bye of them theyr marchaundise to then tent to sell the same agayne the more dere. And Regratours be properly suche persons as haue corne, graynes, and other thinges sufficyent for theyr owne sustinaunce or profyte, and do neuertheles engrose, and bie vp into their owne handes more corne, or other thynges to sell the same agayne at more hyghe and deare pryces in fayres, markettes, or otherwheare: for by suche particuler persons, the prices of victaples, corne/ & other commodities of the Realme, be enhaunsed vnto

the damage, and impouerysshement of the kinges subiectes. And these be properly Regratours, whiche bye victayle, corne, or other thynges to the entente to sell the same agayne at a greater pryce be it in fayre, market, or other place, what soeuer it be.

Retayning & gyuing of lyueres.

46. Also ye shall enquyre of retayning, & giuing of lyueries, & therfore ye must knowe that none ought to retayne any persons to be at hys commaundement, or to be of his company, by suyte, badge, othe, lyuere, except only hys householde seruauntes, or necessarie officers/ as Bailliffes, Receyuours, and such lyke, and other persons to be retayned of his councel in eyther of the lawes vpon payne to forfayte for euery lyuere gyuen. C. s. and for euery reteyner. C. s. for euery moneth. And the Justicers of the peace vpon informacyon to them made shall here & determyne the same, alwel by examinacio, as otherwise. And the informour shall haue his costes, and halfe the forfaite 3n. 8. Ed. 4. Capl. 7.

Maintenors, confederators, & Champarters

47. Also ye shall enquyre of mayntenours, confederators, conspirators, Embracours, & vndertakers of quarelles, matters, or other busynes/ of Champertors. And ye Justicers of Assise, may here and determayne that/ alwell at the suyte of the partie, as at the kinges suyte. And by the statute yf the mainteynours be conuicte: they shall forfayte to the kyng asmuche as they maye/ and a Champertour .x. tymes asmuch as he hath receyued: for by suche mayntenaunces, conuideracyes, and Champerties, all good Justice is exiled

and

and banished, and perjury, and falshed, holdeth place and rulyth all.

Hue and cry.

49. Also ye shall enquyre of them that kepe nat the statute of wynchester that is to wyte of them that immediatly after robberies, or felonyes done, and after knowledge, hue, and crye thereof made do nat make freshe suyte fro towne, to towne/or fro countrey, to countrey/ and from hundred, to hundred/ or fro Countye, to Countye. And the payne of suche as make defaute therein, is to answere for the robbery, if that the felon be nat taken.

¶ Also if watch be kepte in euery, Citie, Towne and Borroughe, from the sonne settynge vnto the sonne rysynge/and yf the gates of Cytyes be closyd by all that tyme, and syxe men to be at euery gate, and in euery Borroughe the watche shalbe kepte by twelue men, & in euery other Towne by.vi. or by foure men.

¶ Also yf any person lodge in the Suburbes, or vtter parte of any Towne, aboue one daye time excepte that the hoste wyl answer for him.

¶ Also yf the Baylyffes make theyr Inquestys euery weke, or .xv. dayes at the leaste, to enquyre yf any lodge or receyue suspecte persons.

¶ Also yf hyghe wayes be enlergyd, and clensyd from wode, and vnderwode, by the space of.LC fote on euery syde: For yf any robberye chaunce to be done for defaute of clensynge. or keppynge the wayes/ he that ought to haue done it shall be answerable therfore / and for Murder he shall make fyne at the kynges pleasure.

49. Also if euery ꝑson haue hꝭ armour, accordig as him ought to haue/that is to wyte euery person betwixte.xv.yeres of age, and lx. hauing landes to the yerely value of.xv.li. or goodes to the value of xl.marcs, an habercke, a brestplate of yron, a swerde, and knyfe. And from. xx. li. in landes, and.xx.marcs in goodes/one habergeon a brestplate of yron, and a knyfe. And from. xl.ℒ. in landes and more, vnto an.C.ℒ. a swerde, bowe and arrowes. and a knife/and they that haue les landes shall be swoune to haue theyr fauchons, splentis, knyues, and other small weapons. And all other that are able, shall haue bowes, and arrowes/ and in forestes bowes and bylles.

¶ Also if there be two Constables chosē in euery hundred and fraunchyse / whiche shall make viewe of harneis euery yere two times, and whither they haue presentid to the Justicers of Assise, and of gayole delyuere, the defaultes of armoure, hyghe wayes, cuytes of townes / cuytes of Sheriffes, and Bayliffes of fraunchises / and besides that if they haue folowid hue and cry. Statuta. Wynchestre.

Vytayllers.

50. Also ye shall enquyre of vitayllers, yf they sell theyr vitaylles at reasonable pryces, and for reasonable gaynes according to suche lymitacyon as the Justicers of the peace haue assessid upō the same. And thoughe the Justicers of the peace do make no limitaciō / yet ought they to sel theyr vitayle at a reasonable pryce/ vpon payne to forfayte the double of that that they shall enquyre. An.23.Ed.3.Capi.6. And by the Estatute made An.23.H.8, Capi.4. the Justicers of peace shall

assesse

assesse the pyce of beer and ale out of Cyties and Boroughes / and within Cyties and Boroughes the Maiers and theyr officers &c. An. xiii. R. 2. Capi. 8.

Inholders.

¶ xi. Also ye shal enquyre of Inholders that make horsebreade within theyr owne howses, or other wheare / and whether they sell breade and otes at a reasonable price / so ꝑ they take not more gayne for selling of euery bushel then. ob. above the Lomon pyce in the market. And the Inholder that doth contrarie therunto, shall forfayte the treble value of the breade by him made in hys house or other wheare / and foure tymes the value of that that he hath taken of euery bushell of otes, more then. ob. above the comon pyce in the markette aswell at the suyte of the kynge, as of the partie. An. 13. R. 2. Capi. 8.

¶ For setting pyces of victayles is prouided by the statute of Henry the. viii. An. xxv. Ca. ii. to be made and set by the Lorde Chauncelor and. vi. other of the kinges counsaile named in the statute

Wages of Seruauntes.

¶ xii. Also ye shall enquyre of seruauntes, and labarers, if they do theyr dutie in takynge of wages / as Baylyffes of husbandrye whiche shall take, xxvi. s. viii. d. by the yere, s. v. s. for his kynery / the chiefe shepe. xx. s. v. s. for his fleeces / and the chiefe shepherde, in lyke maner / and all other seruauntes, xx. s. viii. d. and. xiii. s. for hys kynere and euery female seruaunte, x. s. for wages, and xiii. s. for hee kynerage. And euery enfant vnder the age of xiiii. yeres, shall not take aboue vi. s. and. viii. d. for wages, and. xiii. s. for his kynerage

And other Artificers, as Masons, Tylers, and
suche lyke. vi. d. by the days betwyxte Easter and
Mychelmas / and after that tyme. iiii. d. by the
daye without meate and drynke / and they shall
nat departe before the warke be fynished with-
out lycence vpon payne of one monethys imprys
sonment, and. xx. s. for a fyne. And euery other co-
mon labourer shall take. iiii. d. by the daye from
Easter to Mychelmas / and from Mychelmas
vnto Easter. iiii. d. by the daye without meate /
drynke, the tyme of harueste excepte. And in that
tyme euery Mower shall take. vi. d by the daye,
and euery Repar. v. d. without meat and drynke
And a woman labourer, and an other labourer
iiii. ob. without meat and drynke / and with meat
and drynke ii. d. ob. and for halfe dayes they shal
nat take wages, but after the rate of halfe a day
and for festyuall dayes they shall take nothynge
And he that refuseth to serue shalbe committed
to warde by the Constables, or other heed offy-
cers at the complaynte of any that wolde haue
hys seruyce, vntyll he fynde suretye to serue / and
euery seruaunt shall forfayte. xx. s. for euery de-
faulte done by hym contrarye to this Statute /
and from the myddes of Marche vnto the myd-
des of Septembre, they shall be at theyr warke
from fiue of the clocke in the mornyng, vntill. vii.
in the euenynge / and from mydde Septembre to
myd Marche, they shall be at theyr warke from
the daye spryng in the mornyng, vnto night / and
they shal nat sleape in the day tyme, but from the
middes of May vnto the myddes of August, s
shall haue an houre and an halfe for theyr dyner
whan they sleape, s halfe an houre for their none
meate

meate / & whan they do nat sleape, then but one houre for theyr dyner. And if any assaute their or nerbear, he shall have a peres imprysonmēt without bayle, and theyr defautes must be marked, & abated in their wag̃ euery weke accordyng to ȳ eate. An. 7. H. 8. Ca. f. Unlawful games.

53. Also ye shal enquyre of them that vse vnlawfull games, as tennys, dyse, cardes, & other suche playes / and in lyke maner ye shall enquyre of thē that suffre any to playe in theyr houses at suche games. &c. And by the statute made. An. 17. E. 4. they that playe at kayles, halfe boules, hand in hande owt, quyckeborde, & Clashe in any house or gardeyne, shall forfayte. x. li. & he that sufferith any to play in his house, or gardeyne at such games, shall forfayte other. x. li. the moitie wherof shalbe to hym that will sue therfore.

Crosbowes and handgons

54. Also ye shall enquyre of them that keape any Crosbowe, or handgone in their houses, or shote in them, whiche may nat dispende an. C. li. of lāndes, tenementes, rentes, or fees by the yere, and it is lawfull for euery man to seale them, & he that offendyth shall forfaite for euery tyme. x. li.

Dogges, ferrett̃, & other engyns.

55. Also ye shall enquyre of them that kepe dogs or greyhoundes to hunte / or vse ferrettys, hayes, nettis, harepypes, cordes or other engyns for to take wylde hares, or conyes, or other pleasures of gentylmen, which may nat dyspende. xl. s. of free holde by the yere, and if he be a person spyrytuall him behoueth to dyspende. x. li. by yere / and the payne is one peres imprysonment.

Were hayes, and Buckstalles,

¶6. Also ye shall enquyre of suche as haue no parkes, whiche keape any dearehayes, or Bukstalles / or cause any man to stalke to any deare, without lycence of the owner, or Wayster of the game, or of the parke / onles it be w^in his owne landes / the payne whereof is x.li. And Justicers of the peace may examine that / & haue the x. parts of the forfayte. And euery one that wil sue, may.

Tracyng of hares.

¶7. Also ye shall enquyre of them that trace & folowe hares in the snowe, and kyll them / the fyne for euery hare is a noble.

Procurers of Endyteimentes.

¶Also ye shall enquyre of them that procure m^e of holy churche to be endyted for suinge in courtes spirituall forthynges that belonge to the Jurisdictyon of them; so that they be acquited after of the same Inditementis before Justicers of the peace, or before other Justicers, in whiche case they that procured suche Inditemeutes, and the Indytoues also shal haue the same penance that they whiche procure false appeales by the statute of Westmynster. 2. whiche is one yeres imprisonment, & damag^s by discrecio^n of the Justicers.

Frye of Damons.

¶8. Also ye shal enquyre of them that with nett^s or other engyns, take or distroy Damon broode, from the myddes of Apryll vnto the Natiuite of Saynte John Baptiste, at myl dammes or other wheare / vppon payne at the fyrste tyme to haue their nettes, and engyns burnte / & at the seconde tyme, imprisonment for the space of one quarter of a yere / and at the thyrde tyme one hole yere. And if any put into any tyuer any Nettis called

Stalkers

stalkers, or other engins by whych the hoote or fey may be taken, they shal haue the same paine, & they yᵗ offende shalbe emprysoned & make fyne by discrecyon of the Justicers. An. 17. H. 2. Cap. 1.

Setters of trunkis to take fysshe.

59. Also ye shall enquyre of them that make stakynges for nettes called trunkes, or of other nettes, and fasten and lay them contynually nyght and daye by a certayne tyme of the yere to poules botes, or ankers, ouerthwarte ryuers: they shall forfayt. L. s. for euery tyme that they shall so do. Anno 2. H. 6. Cap. vltimo.

Watches vpon the see coste.

60. Also ye shal enquyre yf the watches be kept on the see coste, in lyke maner as tofore hath ben vsyd / and that the statute of Wynchester be obserued in that case

Arrowe heddys.

61. Also ye shall enquyre if the hedᵈ of arrowes and quarrelles be boyled, brased, and hardeyned at the poynte / and yf they be marked with the marke of hym that made them. Also ye shall enquyre of false makers of them / whose payne shal be to make fyne at the kynges pleasure, and to forfayte all their arrowhedᵈ, & to haue ꝑdonnet.

Comen weightes and measures.

62. Also ye shall enquyre of comon weyghtes / & measures. And by the statute made. An. 8. H. 6. euery Citye, Borough, and Towne, ought to haue a comō balance with weyghtes accordyng, & a comen measure / vpon a certayne payne limited there, And none vse weyght, measure, nor other thynge in stede of weyght, or measure, whyche is nat sealyd accordynge to the standerde / nor put

aught to the balaunce, that maye do any deceyte ꝛc. vpon payne to forfayte the goodis wayed, or measured, and foure folde damages to the party and to haue two yeres imprysonment, & to make fyne and raunsom at the kinges wyll. And by an Estatute made the. xi. yere of the same kynge, there ought to be in euery towne, a comō bushell ensealyd. And the Justicers of the peace haue power to enquyre of them that vse false bushels, or measures/and to here & determyne that by examinacyon, or otherwyse/ and ye muste enquyre also of forgers & Cōterfeatours of halfe weightꝭ whiche muste be taken and imprisonyed without bayle, vntyll they haue made fyne and raunsom by discreciō of the Justicers. Anno. primo. Henrici quinti. Capitulo octauo.

¶ Weyghtes & measures must be in euery City Borough, & market Towne, marked accordyng to the standerde, and no person by nor sell in any place with any measure or weyght, except it be marked and egall with the standerde. And they that do contrarie shall forfayte for the firste defaulte. vi. ß, viii. d. and the seconde tyme. xiii. ß. iiii. d. and the thyrde tyme. xx. ß. and to be set vpō the pyllory. And. viii. bushels rated maketh the quarter, and. xiii. li. the stone. and. xx vi. stone maketh the Sacke. Anno secundo Henrici septimi. Capitulo quarto.

63. Also ye shall enquyre yf the kynges purueyours bye, or take coyne after any other measure then after. viii. bushels rated for the quarter/ and euery bushell to contayne. viii. galons, and yf they do otherwise/ then to pay an C. ß. to the partye, and asmuche to the kynge / and to haue one yeres imprysonment for euery tyme so doynge.

And

And Justicers of the peace have power to holde plee thereupon at the suyte of the partye greued Anno secundo Henrici quinti. Capitulo primo. And so ye shal enquere if they take any thing to the value of.xii.s. or vnder making nat redy payment therfore: in whiche case they shall pay damage vnto the partye. And euery man (in case he be required) muste ayde the partye to make resistence ageynst suche pursuyours / vpon payne to rendre the value of the thynge taken, and double damages to the partye. Anno secundo Henrici. sexti. Capitulo octauo.

Clothyers and Clothes.

64. Also ye shall enquyre of them that sell any hole Clothes tacked or rolled in the Counties of Somerssette, Dorssette, Wyltshire, or Glocestre, whiche be wrought so / that the byers maye see them / and yf any sell them otherwyse, they be forfayte. And the Workers, Weuers, and Fullers, must put theyr marke to euery clothe / vpon a payne to be sympted by the Justyces of the peace. 17. H. 2. Capi. 20.

¶ Also Clothemakers shall make no clothes inyre with lambswolle, flockes, or dorke / vppon payne to forfayte. xx. s. for euery clothe the moyte to him that wyll seaze them. 4. E. 4. Capi. 1. Nor none shall drawe any clothe in lengthe, or bredth after that that is well wrought, vppon payne of forfayture / Nor none shall put flockes, or lyke thynges vpon clothes, vppon payne of xl. s. nor shall put chalke vpon any whyte clothe or kersey / vpon lyke payne. 2. Edwardi quarti. And euery Clothemaker muste cause hys marke or fygure to be sowen in the same Clothes /

and

and to put hys seale of leade vnto the same clo-
thes/whiche seale shall declare the lengthe of the
clothe. And euery cloth shall conteyne. viii. quar-
ters within the lystes / vpon payne to forfayte
viii.s.iiii.d. for euery clothe lacking the same con-
tente. And that euery kerzey shall conteyne one
yarde within the lystes: vpon payne to forfayte
xx.d. for euery kerzey that shall so faile of the due
lengthe that shalbe specifyed in the seale set ther-
vpon. And the Fellour shall forfayte the double
value of somuch as it lacketh vnto the yarde. And
if any Clothmaker put any clothe to sale, before
that it be sealyd by the Iunegeour, and orderyd,
and sealyd by the maner thereof in fourme afore
limyted: he shall forfayte his hole clothe/the mo-
ite wherof shall be to hym that wyll sue therfore.

Lordyners/Tanours/Lorryers & Bouchers

65. Also ye shall enquyre of Lordyners whiche
vse the crafte, or mysterye of Tanners/ and lyke-
wyse of Tanners that vse the arte and mistery
of Lordyners / and the Lordyner shall forfayte
for euery leather tannyd by hym, or any other to
his vse. vi.s. viii.d. And the Tannour shall for-
fayte for euery lether nat sufficientlie tannid. vi.s
viii.d. And he that wyll sue shall haue the moytye
and the Iusticers shall heare and determine that
by examinacyon, or otherwise at the suyte of the
partye, or of the kynge. An. 2. H. 6. Cap. 7.

And by an Estatute made the. xiii. yere of Ri-
charde the seconde, no Shomaker, nor Lordyner
shall vse the crafte of Tannour, nor no Tannor
shall vse the crafte of a Lordyner/ vpon payne to
forfayte all the lether so tanned, and all the boo-
tes and showes so wrought, and to make fyne at

the

the kynges pleasure. And by an other Statute made the.xiii. yere of henry the.viii. Capi.19 No Lordyne nor Shomaker, shall vse the Crafte of Lether, nor no other person to his vse. Neyther shall any Lether vse the crafte of a Lordyner, or Shomaker/vpon payne to forfayte.vi.s. viii.d. for euery hyde so wroughte, or tanned, the moyte wherof shalbe to hym that fyndes the defaulte Nor no Barker, nor Tanner, shall put any lether to sale, before that the same be sufficiently serchid/vpon paine to forfayte.vi.s.viii.d.the moyetie to hym that sieste shall fynde it.

¶ Also no person occuppeng the occupacyon of a Boucher shall kepe any Tanne house, nor any other person to his vse, nor exercise the crafte of a Tanner or Barcher, vpon payne to forfayte.vi. s. viii. d. for euery day that he occuppeth. The one halfete to him that wyll sue. 2 H.7. Ca.6.

Wayntenaunce.

66. Also ye shal enquyre of those persons which speake in abandyshement, or wayntenaunce of seruauntes, artificers or labourers, which do contrarye to the ordynance made agaynst them: such shalbe punysshed greuously by discrecyon of the sayde Justycers.

Barretours.

67. Also ye shall enquyre of Barretours, and Wyfdoers, and all those whiche be nat of good fame: for Justycers of the peace may imprysone, and ponysshe them accordyng to theyr discrecion & cõpel the to finde suretye of their good behauour.

Waisthemen.

68. Also ye shall enquyre of waisthemen, which take any of the kynges lyeges, and deteyne them vnto ll

butyl they haue made ransome, whiche offence the Justycers of the peace shall here and determyne as felonye, and shal certifye it vnto the lordes of Wales where such misdoars be dwelling.

Wessells.

69. Also ye shall enquere of them whiche make or bryng into the realme any tonnes of wyne nat conteynyng twelue score galons and twelue and the pype halfe so muche/and the tercian, the thyrde parte of the tonne, and the hoggyshed, halfe a pype. And he that doth contrarye herunto, shall forfayte his wyne. And in lyke case shall they be whiche sell barrels of herringes, or calys nat conteynyng. xxx. galons fully packed/ or buttes of Damon nat conteynyng. xxiiii. galons fully packed/and euery kylderkyn, Tercian, and fyrkyn, of herrynges, Damon, or calys accordyng to the rate. And he that dothe contrarye, shall forfayte the herringe/Damon, or calys. S. H. J. La. 3.

Guylders.

70. Also ye shall enquere of them that gylde any sheathes, or other metalles, except the spurres of knyghtes, and ornamentes of holy churche, or thappareil of a Baron, or aboue that estate. And he that doth, shall forfayte. x. times so muche as the thynge so gylded is worthe.

Golde Smithes.

71. Also ye shall enquere if any goldesmyth, or worker of syluer worke any syluer plate nat to fine as the sterlyng, or if he put nat his signe therunto before that he put it to sale. And if he do the contrarie, he shall forfayte the double value thereof. And Justicers of the peace shall here & determine that by playnt, or otherwyse, & shall do execucyon

on therof

on therof by their discrecyon. An.2.H.6.Cap.4.

Comon hostreyes.

72. Also ye shall enquere in the countie of Sum-rey of them that kepe comō hostries, or tauerns which haue vsurpyd at the Stewis: for they shal be ponished by imprysonment, fyne, & ransome by discrecyon of the Justyces of the peace for that offence. An.2.H.6.Ca.1.

Waxe.

73. Also ye shall enquyre of them that sell any cādels, ymages, figures, or other workes of waxe at more high price thē.iiii.d. aboue that ꝑ the comō pryce of a pounde of waxe is betwen Werchāt and Werchant at the time of the sale made. And the forsayte is the value of those thinges that be solde, & those that be put to sale, & to make syne vnto the kyng, & that to be determined by examinacīō, or by the serche of the counters for waxe, or otherwise. An.2.H.6.Ca.12.

Wardens of the marches.

74. Also ye shall enquire of those wardēs of the marches of Scotlande, which attach any person by his body or goodꝭ, out of the cōtries of Cumberlande, Westmerlāde, Northūberlande, & Newcastel vpō Tine. And ꝑ Justices of the peas shal procede vpon thē, as vpon Inditementꝭ of trespas. 21.H.6. Ca.3.

Wolles & felles.

75. Also ye shall enquire of thē yt cary any wolles fellꝭ, or fleis moylig or shoryng, from cōtries on this side the water of Tese, beyonde the same water towardꝭ the North, ꝑ paine is to forfayte them. And he that findeth, or proueth the defaute shall haue the one halfe of ꝑ wolles, fellys, fleys

Worlyng

Wozlyng, and shozlyng (Alderton shyre, & Wychemonde shyre only excepted). An. 3. E. 4. Cap. 1.

¶ And if any carye, oz shyppe any wolles, fellys, fleesys, &c. to carie to any other place then to Lawleys: they oz the value of them be forfayte, & the offendoze to haue. ii. yeres imprysonment (the counties of Northūberlande, Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Durham, Alderton shyre, and Rychemond shyre only excepted) the moyte to hym that wyll proue and seale them.

¶ And if any carye oz shyppe wolles, fellys, fleesys, wozlynge, oz shozlyng of the growyth of the counties of Northumberlande, Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Durham, Alderton shyre, & Wychemonde shyre, to carye to any other place then to Newcastell: they be forfayte. The moytie wherof shalbe to that inhabitant of Newcastell, that will seale it to be employed to the profite of the towne.

Tyle makers.

78. Also yt whereas yt complayned of Tylemakers, yt they dygge the grounde before the fyrste daye of November, and yt they turne ouer the same grounde agayne before the firste day of Februarye than nexte ensuing. Also they ought not to worke tyll after the firste daye of Marche then nexte ensuing. And the earth to be tryed frō stone, Waimemerle, and chalke, & must be all throughly whytted, and annelid, and make contayne in length. x. yeches, and an halfe / and in bredth. vi. yeches & a quarter / and in thyckenes, halfe an yeche and a quarter. And euery gutter tyle must contayne. x. yeches and an halfe in length / with conuenyent thyckenes and bredth / and euery creste tyle. viii. yeches, and halfe an yech / and a quarter at the lest

in thyckn:s

in thychenes. And he that sellyth any tyle contrarie to this ordinaūce, shall forfaite the double value therof to the byer of the same tyle/ & to make fyne, and raunsome vnto the kynge. And the fyne for euery thousande tyle so made, shalbe. v. s. and for euery hundred of rofe tyle. vi. s. viii. and for euery hundred of gutter or corner tyle. ii. s.

Brasse and pewter.

72. Also ye shal enquyre yf any person vsing the crafte of a pewterer, or brasyer, sell or chaunge any pewter, or brasse at any place, but only in ope market or fayr, or in theyr owne dwellyng howses, but if he be desyred by the byer. The forfayte therof is. x. li. for euery defaute. An. 4. H. 8. Ca. 7.

¶ And yf any person cast or worke any pewter vessell, or brasse that is nat as good and fine metall, as is wrought in London, and by the Statutes therof ought to be, the forfayte therof is all the pewter and brasse, so caste and wrought, The halfe therof to the vse of the fynders.

¶ Also yf any parson make any holowe wares of pewter, as Waites or Pottes, called laye metall, that is nat after the assyse of pewter, or laye metal wrought in Londō, or marke nat the same with theyr owne markes, yf they be nat sufficiētly wrought and marked, they be forfayte, half to to the fyndours, or serchers therof.

¶ And yf any of them vse any false beames, or weyghtes, than they to forfayte. xx. s. and to be put in to the Stockes tyll the nexte market daye and then to be sette on the Pyllory at the market tyme. And the one halfe of the. xx. s. to hym that wyll sue.

Bote men and Bargemen.

73. In the shires of Essex, Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, they shal enquyre of Botemen, and bargemen yt they take for theyr passages, as is appoynted and limyteed by the statute. An. 7. H. 8. Ca. 5.

Powdyke.

74. In the countye of Norfolke and the fraunchises of Ely, they shall enquyre of such as byeke the dyke called Powdyke, the olde feldis dyke. An. 22. H. 8. Ca. 2.

Were brewers, or ale brewers.

75. Also ye shall enquyre yt any Were brewer, or ale brewer, put theyr bere or ale to sell in any other barells, kylderkyns, fyrkyns, or other vessels of wode then shalbe marked by the artificers of the Coupers, euery barel conteine. xxxvi. galõs the kylderkyn. xviii. the firkyn. ix. galõs of bere/ & the fyrkyn of ale but. viii. galons, and to sell of no hygher pryce then is limytted by the Justyces of the peace/ vpon payne for euery barell put to sale. vi. s. viii. d. and euery kylderkyn. iii. s. iiii. d. and euery firkyn. ii. s. and lesse vessels. xii. d. and for euery bigger vessel aboue a barell. x. s. the one halfe to hym that wyll sue by det. Anno. 23. H. 8. Capi. 4.

Bouchers.

76. Also ye shall enqueare of Bouchers that do nat sell Beyfe, Porke, Mutton, and Veale by weight, that is, Beife, & Porke, after. ob. pounde weight, and Mutton and Veale, after. ob. and halfe a ferthinge the pounde, vpon payne of forfaytinge for euery pounde, nat solde by weyght, or aboue the pryce, and for euery defaut contrary to this acte, iiii. s. iiii. d. The one halfe to him that wyll sue, and Justicers of the peace, haue power to set a lower pryce then is lymitted.

Also

Lyne lede, and hempsede.

77. Also ye shall enquere of suche persones as haue.ix.akers of arrable lãde,& pasture,or of one of them apte for tyllage, that do nat sowe yerely one rode of lande with Lyne lede,or Hempsede, or with both, the payne is to forfayte for euerye. ix.akers iii.s.iiii.d. The Justices of peace maye here and determyne it by informacion, or by Indytement.24.H8. Capi.3.

Waynlinges or yonge beestes.

78. Also ye shall enquere of suche persons as kyll any waynlinges,bullockes,steres,or heiters vnder the age of two yeres,to make sale thereof, the forfayte is for euery beest,so killed.vi.s. viii. d.halfe to hym that will sue.14.H.8.Ca.9.

Excesse of apparell.

89. Also ye shall enquere of excesse of apparell, no seruing man taking wages that may nat dispende.xl.s.yerely shal were any cloth in hys hose aboue.iis.the yarde, and that none of theyr hose be gardid or myxte with any other thynge that maye be sene thrOughe the vtter parte, nor in his gowne or cote aboue.iiis.iiii.d. the brode yarde, excepte his maysters lyuery, nor any cony,except gray cony,blacke lãbe,nor shyrt bande, wrought out of this realme. No husbande man to were in his hose aboue the price of.iis.the yarde,nor any cloth in his gowne aboue. iiii.s.the yarde,nor in his cote aboue.ii.s.viii.d.the brode yarde, nor in his doublet any thinge made out of this realme. 24.H.8. Capi. 13.

¶ No scrupng man in husbãdry,nor Jorney mã in hãde craft were in hys hose any cloth aboue.16. d.ꝑ yarde,nor in hys gowne aboue,2.s,8.d.ꝑ yarde

noz in his doublet any other thynge than Fusty-
an, Canuas, oz Leather, oz wollen cloth, noz shal
were any maner of Fur, and they that offende to
forfayte the appareil. And.iii.s iiii.d. foz a tyme,
therfoze euery day that he wereth the same, and
euery man to sue therfoz, and the halfe of the fine
vnto the kynge.

Pauyng the streate in Southwarke.

80. Also the Justices of peace in the countye of
Surrey shall enquere of the pauynge of the
strete in Southwarke, out of the lyberte of Lon
don, and foz the amending and repayring ther of.
25.H.8.Capi.8.

Wyld foule.

81. Also ye shal enquere of suche persons, that
betwixte the laste day of Maye, & last the daye of
Auguste, take any wylde foule with nettes, oz a-
ny other engins, the payne is imprysonment by
one yere, and foz euery foule to forfayte. iiii. d.
the one halfe to hym that wyll sue therfoze, but
they maye take with Spanyels, & longe Bowes
suche wilde foule.

Egges of wylde foule.

¶ Also yf any person dystroye the eggꝭ of any
wylde foule from the neste, the payne is imprison
ment by one yere, and to forfayt foz euery Crane
egge oz Bustarde egge, so taken frō the neste. xx. d
And foz euery Bytter, Heron, Shouelerd. viii. d.
and foz euery other egge. i. d. the one halfe to hym
that wyll sue. An. 25. H8. Ca. 11.

Shepe aboue the nomber of. ii. M.

82. Also ye shall enquere of suche persons as
kepe aboue the nomber of two thousande shepe
of all kindes at one tyme, Lambes vnder the age
of one

shone yere, shall nat be accompted, nor such men as haue executours, or adminystratours, or by maryage, so he sell them within one yere after, the payne for euery shepe aboue the nomber. iii. s iiii. d. to be enquered of by informacyon or otherwise. vi. score to the hundreth to be accompted, euery householde to haue aboue two thousande as many shepe as shall serue for the necessarie expence of his householde.

Taking of. ii. fermes in one yere.

83. Also of suche persons as take in ferme any howses wherunto any landes are belonginge at wyll or otherwyse aboue the nombre of. ii. suche holdes in one towne or hamlet / and of suche persons as occuppe ii. suche holdes in one towne or hamlet / and dwell nat in the same paryshe / the forfayte is for euery weke that he so occuppeth. iii. s. iiii. d. the halfe to hym that wyll sue.

Clippynge of money in Wales.

84. Also Justices of the peace of the shyres next adioynyng to the marches of wales shal enquire of and for clippinge, coyning, or washing of money and felonies done in wales, or in the marchis nexte to them adioynynge / and to make proces thereupon into wales and the marches thereof, and to here and determyne the same. 26. Henrici octaui. Capitulo sexto.

Affrayes in Walis and the marches.

85. Also the Justicers of peace in the Counties of Herforde, Glocestre, and Salopze, shall enquyre of the assautes mayhemes, and bateryes, made to any of the inhabytantes of those Countyes by any persons dwellynge in Wales or the marches therof, the payne thereof is imprysonment

ment by one hole yere without bayle or mainprise with suche further payne as yf this acte had neuer be made. Anno. 26. Henrici octaui. Capitulo sexto.

§ 6. Also Justices of peace in the Counties of Deuonshyre, and Cornewalle, shall enquearе of suche persons as laboure, or worke, or washe any Tinne, or any Tyn workes, called streme workes, nyghe to the freshe ryuers and lowe places hauing course to the haues of Plimouth, Dartmouth, Tinmouth, Falmouth, and Fowey, or to any of them which do nat make sufficyent hatches, and tyes in the ende of theyr bandels and cordes, and therin laye all rubbell & stones there to be kepte from the freshe ryuers, the paine is to forfayte. xx. li. halfe to hym that wyll sue. Anno. vicesimo septimo. Henrici octaui Capitulo vicesimo tercio.

The Byshop of Rome.

It is enacted that if any person vnder the kinges obeisaũce, shall by writing, ciphring, printing, preaching, or teaching, dede or acte obstinatly, or maliciously holde or stonde with, to extoll sette forth mainteyne or defende the auctorite or iurisdiccyon of the Bishop of Rome, or obstinatly or maliciously intẽde any thinge for the extollinge/ maintenaũce or defence of the same or any parte therof or obstinatly or maliciously attribute any maner iurisdiccio, auctorite, preeminence, to the see of Rome or to any byshop of the same/ w^in this realme or in any of the kyng^s dominions: then euery such person so offending theyr ayders/ assistentes/ Comfortours/ Abbettours/ Procurours/ mainteynours/ fautours/ counsayleours/ and concealours

cealours therof lawfully conuicted, shal runne in the daunger, paynes, and forfaytures conteyned in the statute of kyng Richarde the secõde made in the .xvi. yere of his reygne/ of prmunyon & premunire. And that alwell the Justices of assyle in theyr circuyte, as Justyces of the peace within theyr lymittes, or two of suche Justicers of peas wherof one to be of the (Quorum) shal haue auctorite to enquere of all such offences done contrarie to this acte, as they may of other trespasses. And shall certifie euery presentment afore the had concerning this acte, or any parte therof before the kyng in hys benche, within forty dayes after suche presentmente afore them had, yf the terme be then open, and yf nat at the terme nexte folowynge the same forty dayes, vpon payne of forty pounde of euery Justice of assise, or Justice of peace before whom suche presentment shalbe made. And euery Bysshop and theyr mynysters in euery theyr visitacyons & seanes shall make dyligent inquere and examinacyon of euery ecclesiastical and religious person within theyr Jurisdiccion, which shalbe suspecte, accused, or demed to be offendour of this acte. And if any ecclesiastical or religious person be presented suspected or accused, or founde guilty by witnes or confessyon of any offence contrary to this acte, then they shall be commytted to the nexte Gaole of that shire, yf he be presentid, or elles by good sufficyent suretye to be bounde by obligacyon to the kinges vse/ to be lette to bayle, and to appere in the Sterre chaumber within .xv. dayes nexte after suche enquere or presentmente, or accusacyon, yf the terme be open and kept, or els in the

fyfte day of the terme nexte folowynge fuche accufacyon or prefentment. And the fame minyfters fo certifye at the fame daye in the ſterre chaumber by wrytinge vnder their ſeales/ the fame obligacion taken for fuch appearance, and the prefentment/accufacion, or conuycyon/and all the depoſicions and circumſtance therof, & the name of the Gayle wherunto he was committed. And yf the partye beinge prefented or accuſed be nat preſent, then the ſame minyſters before whom fuche prefentment, ſuſpeccyon, or accuſacyon, ſhalbe made, ſhall certifye ſuch prefentment, ſuſpeccyon, and accuſacyon, and all the circumſtãce therof into the ſterre chaumber within.xv. dayes nexte after fuche prefentment or accuſacyon had or in the fyfte day of the terme nexte folowynge after fuche prefentment, or accuſacyon. And that perſon that is conuycted, ſhall forfayte as is expreſſid in the ſame ſtatutes of king Richarde the ſeconde, made the.xvi. yere of hys reygne of premunire. And yf any eccleſyaſticall Judge do voluntarily conceale, cloke, hyde, or coloure any prefentment, accuſacyon, or confeſſyon, & do nat certifye the ſame before the Kynge in the ſterre chaumber in fourme aboue ſayde/thē euery ſuch Judge or viſytour ſhall forfayte for euery ſuche defaulte. xl. li. halfe to hym that wyll ſue in any of the kinges courtes/by wrytt, playnt, byll, or informacyon/ wherin no Eſſoyne, protecyon, nor wager of lawe ſhall lye. An. 28. H. 8. Ca. 10.

For ſelling of wynes.

It is enacted that no perſon ſel any Gaſcoyne wyne, or Frenche wyne aboue eyght pens the galon, that is one peny the pynte. ii. pens the quarte

and

and foure pens the pottell, eyght pens the galon, vppon payne to forfayte for euery pynte aboue the pryce solde, foure pens, and for euery quarte eyght pens, and for euery pottell solde. xii. pens, & for euery galon solde aboue the pryce, two shyllynges. And no Malmesets, Rumneys, Beckes, nor other swete wynes, shalbe solde by retayle aboue twelue pens the galon, syxe pens the pottell thre pens the quarte, and thre halfe pens the pint vpon payne to forfayte thre shyllinges and foure pens for euery galon, and twenty pens for euery pottell, and twelue pens for euery quart, and. vi. pens for euery pynte. Prouyded that the lorde Chauncellour, lorde Treforer, lorde Presydent of the counsayle, lorde of the preuy seale, and the two chiefe Justices, or fyue, or thre of them, shal haue auctorite to sette the prices of all kyndes of wynes, that is to saye of the pryce of the Butte, Tunne, pipe, Hoggeshedde, Punchyon, Tierce, Barell, Rundelet, when it shalbe solde in grose, so that they or any of them cause the pryces by them sette to be wrytten, and vpon proclamacyō therof to be made in the Chauncery in the terme tyme, or els in the Citye, Borough, or Towne, where suche wynes, shalbe solde in grose And yf any person after such pryces set, and put in wryting, and proclamacyon therof had, do sell any wynes ingrosse by fraude, or couin contrarye to the pryces so set, & proclaymed, then euery offendour shall lose and forfayt for euery vessell by the solde in grosse contrarye to the sayde pryces forty shyllynges, the one halfe to the kyng, and the other halfe if it be in Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate to the hed rulers of suche Citye, Borough,

rough, or Towne. And yf it be w^tout a Towne corporate, then to suche as wyll sue for the same by wrytte of det, byll, playnte, or informacyon, in whiche no wager of lawe, protecyon or essoigne shalbe allowed. And that the Justices of peas in euery shyre, and all Mayres, Bailyffes and heed officers in Townes corporate, within the lymitt of theyr commyssyon aswell within lyberties as without, shall haue auctorite to exampyne here & determyne the defaultes of suche as shall attẽpt to sell any wynes ingrose, or by retayle contrarie to this acte, and to ponyshe the offendours by imprisonment, or otherwyse by theyr discrecyon.

An. 28. H. 8. Cap. 18.

Also ye shal enquere yf any person by wryting reherynge, printynge, preachynge, or teachynge dede or acte, obstinately or malicyously holde or stonde with to extoll set forth, maintayne or defende the auctorite of the byshop of Rome, or obstinatly or malicyously inuent any thynge for the extollinge, mainteynaunce or defence of the same or any parte therof or obstynatly or malicyously attribute any maner iurisdiction or preeminence to the see of Rome, or to any byshop of the same within this realme, or in any the kinges dominyons, the payne therof is to forfayte landes, & tenementes, and goodes, and to be put out of the kynges protecyon as is conteyned in the statute of prouisyon, the. xvi. yere of kyng Richarde the seconde.

Also ye shall enquere yf the Bishoppes & their ministers in theyr dilitacyons and seanes, make dilygente enquerie and exampynacyon of euery spirytuall, and religyous persone within theyr iurisdiccyon

turifdicyon, whiche shalbe suspecte, accused, or demed to be offendour of this acte. And whyther that they certifie into the Sterre chamber within .xv. dayes after suche presentment or accusacyon, if the terme be then open, or ells in the fyrste daye of the terme then nexte folowinge suche accusacyon or presentment and all the depolycions and circumstaunce therof. And yf any spirituall Judge do voluntarely conceale, cloke, hyde, or colour any presentment, accusacyon, or confessyon, and do not certefie the same in fourme aforesayde, then euery suche Judge/ or visytour, shall forfayte for euery suche defaute. xl. li. halfe to the kynge, and halfe to hym that wyll sue.

¶ Also ye shall enquearе yf any person sell any Gascoyne wynes, or Frenche wines, aboue. viii. d. the galon, that is after one peny the pynt, and two pens the quarte, the forfayte for doyng the contrarie is for euery pynte foure pens.

¶ And also ye shall enquearе yf any Malmesey, Rumney, or other swete wynes, be solde by retaile aboue twelue pens the galon, and syxe pens the pottel, and thre pens the quart, and thre halfpens the pynte, the forfayte for doing the contrarie is for euery galon. iiii. s. viii. d. for euery pottell xx. d. for euery quart. xii. d. and for euery pynte, vi. d. onles proclamacyon be made in the Chauncery in the terme tyme, or els in the Citye, Borough, or Towne where they shall be solde of the prices by them sette, by the Lorde Chaunceler, other of the counsell appoynted by the statute to sette the prices.

Here ensue the statutes of whiche Justicers of
of the peace haue power to enquere, here, and
determyne by vertue of theyr Commission,
and the auctoryte that they haue by the
same, and nat by the statutes / y first
the statutes made at Winchester
the. viii. day of Septembre y^e
thyrtye yere of Kynge
Edwarde the
fyrste.

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For somuche as day by
daye Robberies, Murders, and
Felonyes be done, whiche were
nat wont to be: it is ordeyned y^t
immediatly after Robberyes, &
Felonies done, freshe suyt shalbe
made fro Towne to Towne, &
Countrey to Countre. And Inquestes shall be
made (yf nede be) by hym that is chyefe Lorde of
the towne, and after that in Hundredes, Fraun-
chyses, and Countyes / and somtyme in two, thre
or foure countyes, in case where Felonyes are
done in the Marches of Wyrres / so that myssdo-
ers maye be attaynted, and suffer ponyshment.
And yf the Countrey wyll nat answere for suche
myssdoars: the ponyshment shalbe that the peo-
ple dwellynge there shall answere for the hurtes
done by such robberies. So that all the hundred
where the Robbery shall happe to be done, with
the Fraunchyse that is within the precynct of
the same hundred shall answere for the Robbery
done. And yf the Robberye be done in the devisy-
on of two hundredes / than both hundredis to gy-
ther with the fraunchise shall answere. And the
countrey

Countrey shall haue no lenger tyme after the robberye, or Felony done, then halfe a yere/and after sume bookes, but foure dayes, within which they must agree for the Robberye and offence, or elles they must be aunswerable for the bodies of suche Offendours. Capitulo primo.

¶ Also it is ordeined that in great Townes that be closyd, the gates shalbe made faste from the sonne set, vnto the sonne rysynge, and that no person lodge neyther in the Subarbes, nor Foreyne parts of the towne aboue one daye, nor yet a day yf the hoste wyll nat aunswer for him. Ca. 2.

¶ And Baylyffes of townes shal make Inquestes euery weke at the least, or .xv. dayes, of persons lodged in the subarbes or foreyne parte of townes, and yf they fynde any that doth herborough or receyue any maner persons, of whom suspecyon is had that they be offendoures of the peas the Bayliffe shall do eyght therein. Ca. 3.

¶ Also watches shalbe kepte, as of olde tyme hath bene vsed to be from the feaste of Assencyō vnto Wyghelmas in euery Cytye by fyue men at euery gate, and in euery Borough by .xii. men/s in euery other towne by fyue or foure, which shal kepe watche in the myght from the sonne set, vnto the sonne rysynge. And yf any straunger passe by them, he shalbe arrested vnto morowe/and yf no suspecyon be founde, he shall go quyte/and if he be founde suspicyous, he shall be delyuered to the Sherye, who incontynent shal receyue hym without daunger, vntyll suche tyme as he shalbe delyuerid in due maner. And yf suche persons wyll nat suffre them selfe to be arrestyd, hue, & cry shalbe leuyed vpon them, and the watchmē

with

with all the towne and the nexte towne by that folowe them) and shall leuie hue and crye vnto suche time as they shalbe taken & deliuerid to the Sheriffe as afore is sayde. Capitulo quarto.

¶ Also the hyghe wayes ledynge from one market Towne to an other shall be enlargyd there where any wode, hedgys, or dyches be / so that there be no woode, hedge, nor busshe (wherin any that intendyth to do yuell may be hydden) nere vnto the hyghe waye by. CC. fote on euery syde / so that this statute shal nat extende to ashes, ne to greate trics. And yf any robberies be done by defaute of cutting downe vnderwodes, hedgis, & bushes: the lorde shall aunswer therfore / and yf it be a murder, the lorde shall make tyne at the kynges wyll. And yf the Lorde be nat able to cutte downe the vnderwode, then the Countrey shall helpe hym to do it. Capi. f.

¶ And the kynge wylleth that in hys demeane wooddes within the forestes, and without the wayes shalbe enlarged as before is sayde And yf any parke be nere vnto the hyghe waye, the lorde therof muste diminyshe it the space of. CC. fote from the hyghe waye, or els to make suche a walle dytche or hedge, whereby suche as be mysdoars may nat passe backe nor forwarde. Ca. 6.

¶ Also euery man muste haue armoure in hys house accordynge to the auncyente Assyse / and that euery man betwene fyftene yeres of age and lx. be sworne to armour accordynge to the quantitye of theyr landes and goodes, that is to saye euerye man hauinge. xv. li. in lande, or. xl. marke in goodes to haue an hawberke, a Sallett of yron, a swerde, and a knife, and from. x. li. lande, &

twenty

twenty marke in goodꝭ, an habergeon, a Skillet of yron, a swerde, and a knyfe, and from .xl. s. of lande and more vnto an. L. s. a swerde, bowe, & arrowes, and a knife. And they that haue les, the xl. s. of lande, shalbe sworne to fauchons, splentꝭ, knyues, and other small weapons/ and as many as are able and dwellinge out of the forestе shall haue bowe and arrowes/ and within the forestе bowe and boltes. Capi. 7.

¶ And the view of harneis be made twise a yere/ wherfore in euery hundred, and franchise. ii. Cōstables muste be chosen to make view of armys/ whiche Constables shall presente before Justices assigned (when they cum into coūtrey) yᵉ defaultes that they haue founden in lacking of armour of supte of townes, of hyghe wayes, & of suche as lodge vnknowen persons in vplandishe townes and will nat answere for their gheſtꝭ. Ca. 8.

¶ Also sheriffes, and Bayliffes, within the fraūchyses and without that haue any bayliwike or forestrie in fee, or otherwise, shall folowe the crye with the countrey / accordynge as they be, hauing horse and armours that to do. And yf there be any that will nat so do: theyr defaultes shalbe presentid by the Constables, to Justycers assigned, and after to the kynge. Capi. 9.

¶ Also the kynge commaundeth that no faire nor market be kepte fromhensforth in churche yardes for the honour of holy churche. Ca. 10.

¶ Statutes made at Northampton the seconde pere of kynge Edwarde the thyrde, and contynued vntyl the fourth pere.

by theyr commissyon.

IT is ordeygned that no man hyghar lowe (sauyng the Kynges seruauntes in hys seruyce, and the Kynges Wynsters in executynge theyr offyces, or the Kynges commaundymentys / and they that be in theyr compayne aydynge them, and also at eryes made to arrest for the peace (and that in places where suche deades hap to be done) shall be so hardy to cum before the kynges Justicers, or other Ministres doing theyr office with force, nor to bring force, in affraye of the peace / neyther to ryde nor go armyd nyght nor daye in fayres, Warkettes, nor none otherwhere / vpon payne to lease theyr armour to the kyng, and theyr bodyes to prysone at his pleasure. And that the kinges Justicers in theyr presence, Sheryffes, and other the kynges officers in theyr bayliwykes, seigniories, & fraunchises, & theyr Bayliffes in the same. And Mayors, and Baylyffes of Cytyes, and Boroughes, & Borroughe holders, and Wardens of the peace within theyr wardes shal haue power to execute this accordingly. And Justicers assigned at theyr cumming into the countrey shall haue power to enquere howe suche offyceres, and Lorders haue vsid theire offices in thys cause, and to punysshe them that haue nat done it.

¶ Also it is agreed that at what so euer tyme, or place within the Countie any pson delyuer writtes to the Sheryffe, or vndersheryffe: that they shall receyue them, and make a bill according to the fourme conteyned in the statute of Westminster seconde without takyng ought / and yf they

Westmynster the seconde without takyng aught and yf they refuse to make suche a bil, other that be ffleet shall put to theyr seales. And if the Shyrysse and vndershirisse do nat retourne the wrytt they shalbe ponysshed after the fourme conteyned in the sayde estatute. Neuertheles the Justices assygned to take assyses haue power to enquere thereof vpon euery complaynte, and to awarde damages hauing regarde to the delay, and to the losshys, and perylis that myght haue chaunsed.
Anno secundo Edwardi tercii. Capi. quinto,
¶ Itis agreed that Hundredis & wapentakes shalbe adioyned to Countyes / & that fromhensforthe such hundredis, and wapentakes shall nat be seuerid from counties. 2. E. 3. Cap. 12.
¶ It is agreed that euery lorde at the beginning of his kayre, shall cause a crye to be made there, howe longe he shal holde his kayre, so that Merchauntis shall nat be in the kayre aboue the time so proclaymed / vpon payne to be greuously ponished by the kyng And the lordes shall nat holde theyr kayres aboue the ryght tyme / vppon payne to forfayte theyr kayres into the Kynges handes vntyll they haue made fyne to hym. So that if be fyrste duely proued that they haue hepte them aboue the ryght tyme / or that the Marchauntes haue bene there aboue the tyme so cryed. Anno. 2. Edwardi tercii. Capitulo. I 5.
¶ Moreouer good people shalbe assigned in euery countie to kepe the peace / & they which haue bene endyted, or take by the sayde gardeyns, shal nat be put to mainprise by Sheryffes, nor any other officers, if they be nat Maynpernable by the lawe / nor suche persons endited shall nat be deli-

berid, but at the comon lawe. And Justicers of of gayle delyuerye haue power to delyuer gayles of thole ꝑ be enditid before, Gardeis of the peace & the sayde Gardeyns shall sende theyr Inditement before the sayde Justices, & haue power to enqueare of Shyrefes, Gaylours, and other (in whose warde suche indyted persons be) yf they delyuer or let to maynprise any person so indited whiche is nat maynpernable, and to ponysshe the Sheryffes, Gaylours, and other in case whearc they do any thynge contrarie to thys ordinaunce 4. Edwardi tercii. Capitulo tercio.

¶ Also it is agreed ꝑ purueyours for the kyng or the Quenys householde shall nat take corne, vitayle, hey, nor other goodes, or chatels, nor caryage agaynste the will of them to whome suche goodes and cariages ar belongynge / & that they shall take corne by measure / and that all thynge to be taken for the same houseliolde, shall fromhenceforth be taken at the very value by Constables, & other honest persons of the Towne without manacyng / and that payment be made therfore, before that the kinge passe out of the vierge and that they haue theyr warraunt vnder seale, before they take ought / & they shall take no more then is nedefull for the kynges house / and that they shall take nothynge for them that be in wages with the kynge, ne for any other. And yf any take ought contrarie to hys warrante, and carye it aware agaynste the wyll of him to whome the goodes belonge, he shalbe taken incontinent, and sente to the nexte gaole / and yf he be attaynted thercupon / he shalbe orderyd as a these. quarto. Edwardi tercii. Capitulo tertio.

A horseman

¶ A hozseman at Douer shall haue his passage ouer the see for. ii. s. and a foteman foz, vi. d. And in all other passages aswell on freshe waters, as vpon armes of the see, the passers shall paye as of olde tyme hathe bene vsyd / and the kepars of the passage shall take no moze. And Justycers of assyse in the same Countye haue power to enquere yf any do contrarye, and to ponyshe, and do ryght at the suyte of the kynge, oz of the partye. quarto Edwardi tercii. Capitulo octauo.

¶ Shyrzeffes, and Gaylours shall receyue and saufely kepe theues to them delyuerid by Constables, and Townshyppes, without taking ought foz the receyuinge of them. And Justicers assygned to deliuer gayles haue power to to heare the playntes of them that wyll complayne of Sheryffes, and Gaylours in suche cases, and further to ponyshe them, in case they be founde gyltie. quarto. Edwardi tercii. Capitulo decimo.

¶ Justices of either bench, & Justices of Assise at euery tyme that they shall cume to take inquestes of (nisi prius) aswell at the suyte of the kinge, as of the party shall enquere, heare, & determyne of maintenours, vndertakers, conspiratours, & champetours, as ferforthe as Justices in fee shulde do yf they were in the Countye. 4 E. 3. Ca. 11

¶ Sheriffes, shal leasse theyr hundzedz and wespentakes at the auncyent ferme and nat aboue/s Justicers assygned haue power to enquere of Sheryffes, & to ponyshe & home they shall fynde doings contrarye. 4. Ed. 3. Cap. quintodecimo.

Statutes made at Canterbury the. xii. of kynge Richarde the seconde touschyng seruaũtes & labozers.

by theyr cõmissyon.

IT is ordeygned that Artificers, Labourers, seruauntes, and vytaylers, shalbe duely iustifyed by Justicers of the peace, aswell at the suyte of the kynge as of the partie accordinge to the statutes therof made. And that Mayres, Bayliffes, Stuwardes, of lordes, and Constables of townes shall execute theyr offyces duely towechinge suche Artificers, labourers, seruauntes, & vitaylers. And that stockes be in euery towne to iustefye the same labourers, and seruauntes, & that no seruaunt ne labourer at the ende of hys terme departe out of the hundred, rape, or wapentake to dwell any other wheare, excepte he bringe a letter patent concerning the cause of his departure, and of hys retourne (in case that he muste retourne) vnder the kynges seale that shall be assygned thereto, and deliuery'd to the kepyng of some honest man of the hundred, Rape, Citye, or Borroughe, at the discrecyon of the Justicers of the peace. And yf any seruaunt, or labourer be founde in any Citie, Borroughe, or otherwheare cumming from any place vagarañt whout suche a lettre: he shalbe takē forthwith by the Mayors, Bayliffes, Stewardes, or Constables, and put in stockes, and kepte vntyll he haue founde suretye to retourne vnto his seruyce, or elles to serue or laboure in the towne fromwhens he cam vntyll he haue suche a letter to departe, for cause reasonable. And yf any bryngе any suche letter that is forged, he shall haue fortye dayes emprysonment, & ouer that vntyll that he haue founde suretie to retourne, & to serue as before is sayde.

And

And that none receyue any seruaunt goinge out of the hundzed, Citie, oz Bozough, without a letter Testymonyall, noz with a letter aboue one night/excepte it be bycause of syknes, oz some other cause reasonable/oz that he maye serue and laboure there by the same testimonyall / vpon a payne to to be lymytyd by the Justycers of the peace. And alwell Artifycers, and men of occupacyon, as seruauntes, and appzentyces, beynge nat of any greate substaunce, & hauing no greate busynes, shalbe compelled to serue in auguste to repe, gather, and bzinge in cozne. And that thys estatute be duly executyd by Mayozs, Bayliffes Stewardes, and Constables, of Townes, vpon paynes to be limited by the Justicers of the peas in theyz Sessions/and that none take aboue one peny, foz sealinge and deliuering of suche a letter Anno. 12. R. 2. Capi. 3.

¶ No seruaunt of husbandzye, noz of any artyficer, oz vitayler shall beare swerde, dagger, noz baslarde, vpon payne to forfayte it/onles it be in tyme of warre foz defence of the realme, by surueu of tharrayurs foz the tyme, oz trauilyng by the Countrie with theyz Maysters, oz on theyz maysters messages, but shall vse bowes and arrowes on sondayes, and other dayes festyuall/ & shal leaue all other games alwell with hande, as with fote. And Sheryffes, Mayours, Bayliffes, and Constables, haue power to arreste suche offendoure, and to sease theyz baselardes, daggers and swerdes afozesayde, and to kepe, and pzesent them befoze the Justicers in theyz Sessyons with the names of them that bare them. 12. R. 2. Ca. 6.

¶ None neythez Englysshe, ne Walshe, shal nat

bryngе any vitayle, nor armour into Wales. Wout the kinges speciall licence/yt it be nat for the stouffe and store of castels or walled townes / vpon paine to forfayte the same armoure, and vytayle. And in euery parte of the marches of Wales, and market townes thereaboutes, there shal be Constables chosen for to enquere serche, & to arreste all suche vitayle, & armour / whiche Constables shall haue the fyfte parte of the forfayte for theyr labour. quarto. Henrici quarti. Ca. 29.

¶ Also it is ordeigned that suche a one as vsith to laboure at the ploughe, or carte, or other labour in seruyce of husbandrie vntill he be, xii. yeres of age, shall fromhēcforth abyde at the same labour, and nat to be put to any crafte or mistery And yf any Couenaunte or bonde of Apprentysshyp be made hereafter to the contrarye, it shalbe holde voyde. 12. R. 2. Capi. 5.

¶ Touching suche as go a beggyng, and are able to serue, they shall be orderid in lyke maner as they which departe out of theyr hūdred without a letter testimonial as before is sayde (except men of religion, & heremytes hauing letters testimoniall of the Ordynaries, and impotente beggars dwellynge in Citeis & Townes where they were abidynge at the tyme of thys estatute proclaimed/or in the townes where they were borne and dwellid there continually during their liues And suche as go on pilgrymage as beggars, & be able to trauayle shalbe orderid in lyke maner/except they haue testimonials of theyr pilgrimage vnder the seale aforsayde/& Clerks of the vnyuersyteis ỳ go as beggars hauig letters testimonial of theyr Chauncellor vpon the same payne. 12. R. 2. Capi. 7.

Also

Also those that fayne them selues to haue trauayled out of the realme, & to haue bene imprysoned there, shall bryng letters testimoniall from theyr Capitaynes with whome they where / ozelles of the Mayours, Bayliffes / where they arriuyd / & the same Mayours, & Bayliffes, shal enquere of such persons where they dwellid & with whome / and in what place of Englande theyr abiding is. And the same Maiors, & Bailiffes shal make theyr letters patentys vnder the seale of theyr offyce / witnessing the daye of the arriual, & also whether they haue stande to that that they haue sayde. And the sayde Maiours, & Bailiffes shall cause them sweare that they shall take the ryght way towardz their countreis / except they haue a letter patēt vnder the kinges great seale otherwise to do. And yf any such trauellyng mā be foūden without such a letter he shalbe ozderid in lyke maner as seruauntes, & labourers afozesayde. 12. Richardi secundi. Ca. octauo.

¶ An estatute of henry the firste foz washing and clyppynge of money.

¶ It is ozdeigned that washyng, clipping, & fyling of þ money of ye lande, shalbe iudged treasō and they that so do shalbe iuged, Traytours to þ kynge & to the realme. 3. H. 5. Ca. 6. Note þ the statute which giueth auctorite to Justices of the peace to enquere therof is written before.

¶ Statutes concerning Foristallours, & fyrst the olde Estatutes made in the time of kynge Edwarde the fyrste.

Be it cōmaunded on the kinges behalfe that no Foristallour be suffered to dwell in any Towns / who metig wt corne, fische, herelg, & other

 thinges

thynges to be solde somtyme by water and somtyme by lande prealyth to by them before other, coueteynge after vnlawfull gaynes/whiche vnder suche maner carpeth the goodes awaye vniustly intendinge to sell them more deare / whiche also circumuentith straunge merchauntes offerynge sale of theyr wares, and enfourmyng them that they maye sell theyr goodes more deare, then they intendyde to sell/ by whiche crafte and subtylte an hole Towne or a countrie is deceyuid /whosoeuer is conuicte therof shall fyrste be amercyd/the second tyme he shall suffer Judgement of the pyllory/the thyrde tyme, he shall be emprysoned and make fyne / the fourthe tyme he shall abiure the towne. And this ordinaunce shalbe obseruid for al forstallours, and for them that gyue counsayle or assystence vnto them. And it shall be inquered yf any Stewarde, or Bayliffe haue remitted the Judgement of the pyllorye, or tumbarell for any rewarde, wher it was adiuged, or of ryght ought to haue bene adiuged .1.E.1. The treatyse of forstallours is in the latter ende of (magna carta)

¶ The statutes of Edwarde the thyrde concernynge forstallours.

IN IE ordeigned that forstallours of wynes, and of all other vitayles, wares, and merchaundyzes cummynge by lande, or by water to any good Townes of Englande yf they be attaynted therof at the suyte of the kynge, or of the partie before Mayors, Bayliffes or Justices therto assigned, or other where in the Kynges courte: in case they be attaynted at the kynges suyte by Inditemente, or otherwise/ the

thinges

thinges forstallid shalbe forfayte to the kynge/ yf the Wier haue contentid the Mellar therfore/and yf he haue nat agreed for all, but by erneste: the Wyer shall forfayte asmuche as the goodys forstallyd amounte vnto accordynge to the value that he hath bought them at, yf hé haue wherof and yf he he haue nat wherof, then to haue two yeres imprysonmente, and after at the Kynges pleasure, without being lette to maynprysse. And yf he be attaynted at the suyte of the partye/then shall the partie haue the one moytie of suche forstallyd geare forfaited, or the prycce of the kynges gifte, and the kynge the other moytye. vicesimo quinto Edwardi tercii. Capitulo tercio.

¶ No denisen of Englande shall bye no wolles, but of the owners of the shepe, & of the dryuers excepte in the staple. And that no denizen shal regrate wolles, nor other merchaundyze of the staple priuely nor openly / vppon payne to forfayte the value of the thyng regratid. And Justices of the peace in the countrey haue power to enquere from tyme to tyme of suche Englishe regratours and of the wheyghtes of the staple, & shal ponisshe them by the payne aboue lympteed. And that no man engrose, nor by any wulle/but for hym selfe and to his owne vse, or to sell to the staple, or to make clothe. 14. R. 2. Cap. 4.

¶ The Justicys of eyther benche, Justicers of assyse (and nisi prius) at all their Sessyons shal enquearе, here, and determyne, aswell at the suyte of the kyng as of the partie, of Alliancis, confederacies, and conspiracyes, of mayntaynours of parteis, pleis, and quarelles, and concerninge all suche Mayntainours, Undertakers, Conspiras

tours, & Champtours they shall do as ferforth as Justicȝ in Eyre shulde do. And yᵗ which cãnot be determined before thẽ there, shalbe adiourned into ỹ placȝ wher they be Justicȝ, & be determined there.

¶ In ryght of Conspiratours, false enterme-dlers, & champertours of Dozeins, Inquestȝ, Assi-ses, and Juries/ the kinge hathe prouided reme-dy for euery plaintif by a writ outof yᵉ Chaũcery & at the least he wyll that hys Justyceers of eyther benche, & Justices of Assyse (when they shall cum into the cõtrey) shal make theyr Inquestis ther-vpon to enquear without wryt, and shall with-out delay do ryght to the plaintiffe. The paynes limitted for maynteynours appere in the statutȝ therof made (Articuli super cartas) Cap. 11.

¶ Statutes against vitaillers.

¶ Bouchers, Fyschers, Inholders, Brewars, Bakers, Pulters, and all other sellers of vytaile ar bounden to sell theyr vitayles at a reasonable pryce/ hauinge regarde to the price wherat suche vitayles ar solde in places nere/ so yᵗ the sellars maye haue moderate gaynes, and nat excessyue/ as it shalbe thought reasonable by the distãce of the places from whẽs suche vitailles are caryed. And if any sell vitaile otherwise & therof be con-uycted/ he shall pay twise asmuche as he hath re-ceyued to the partye damagid, & in defaulte of hi to any other that will sue. And Mayours, & Bay liffes of Citeis, Boroughes, market townes, & o-ther, & of portes, & placȝ nere to yᵗ see: haue pwer tẽquere of all that offende against this ordinance & to leuie the payne aforsayde to thuse of them at whose suyte they shalbe conuicte. And in case the same Mayours & Bailiffes be negligẽt, & be ther-

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ekcomuicke before the Justices assigned by vs: thē
thelame Maioues, & Bailiffes shalbe cōpelled by
thelame Justices to paye the treble value of the
thing so holde to the pty damagid, or in defaulte
of him to any other that wyll sue / and they shal
be greuously ponisshed by vs. 23. Ed. 3. Ca. 6.

¶ In right of victaylers it is agreid þ they shall
haue a reasonable paine accordig to the discretis
on of Justic̄ of þ peace, & no more / vpō paine to
be ponished after þ discretyō of the saide Justic̄
in case where no payne certayne hath ben before
limited against the saide victaylers. 13. R. 2. Ca. 8.

¶ Euery mā that bringeth any maner of vitaile
to lōdon by lande, or water, may sel the same fres
ly without disturbāce of any. And the Maiour &
Aldermē may rule & redresse þ defaut̄ of Fishers
Bouchers, & Pulters, as they do of thē that sell
breade, wine, & ale. And the saide Maior & Alders
mē, shall do & put this ordināce in execuciō vpō þ
pain ordeined touchig þ city of lōdon. 31. Ed. 3. ca. 10.

¶ The Chaūcellor, & Treasorer taking to them
the Justices, & other of the kinges coūsaile haue
power to ordeyn remedy for bieg, & sellig of stok-
fishe of S. Botulph, & Damon of Harwik, & wis
nes & Fishe of Brikstow & other plac̄. 31. E. 3. ca. 3

¶ Statutes ageinst Rauishours of wimen.

¶ It is prouided that if a man rauishe any ma-
ried womā, maidē, or other womā (where she did
nat assent neither before, nor after) shall haue iu-
gement of lyfe, & lym. Likewise where a man ra-
uisheth any woman maried, Maidē or other wo-
man wt force albeit þ she assēt after to the rauis-
shour, he shall haue iugemēt of life, & lim, yf he be
attaynted at þ kynges suite. west. 2. Cap. 4.

¶ If any such wimē after suche rape consent to

any suche rauyshours: in that case it is ordeyg-ned that the nexte of the bloode to whome thin-heritaunce, dower, or soynte feoffement, ought to discende, reuerte. or falle, after the deathe of hym that rauisheth, or her that is rauished, shal forth-with and immedyatly haue tytle to enter vppon the Rauyshour, or her that is rauyshed, & theyr assygneys, and lande tenantes. And the husban-des of suche wymmen (yf they haue husbandes) & yf they haue no husbandes liuyng, then theyr fa-thers, or other nexte of theyr bloode, shall haue the suyte to pursue / and maye sue agaynste the same Rauyshours, and therupon to attaynte them of lyfe, and lymme/notwithstandynge that the same wymmen do consente to the same Ra-uishours. 6. R. 2. Cap. 6.

¶ What person taketh any woman agaynste her wyll, mayden, wydowe, or wyfe, suche takinge / procurynge / or abbettynge to the same / and also receyuyng wittyngly the same woman so taken and knowyng the same, be felonie. And suche ta-kers, procuratours to the same, and Receyptours knowyng the same offence in fourme aboue saide be adiudged as pryncypall felons. Anno tercio. Henrici septimi. Capitulo secundo.

¶ It is ordeygned that wheare Marchauntes Straungers be robbyd, that hue and cry shall be forthwith solempnely made in al Counties, hun-dredis, Markettes, faires, or other places (where greate resorte of people shalbe / so that none shal pretende ignorauncc/and that euery Countye be so kepte that immedyatly after Robberies, and felonies done, freshe suyte be made from towne to towne, and from Countrey, to countrey. And

Inquestys

Inquestys shalbe taken in Townes, fraunchised and Counties, and somtyme in two, thre, oz foure Counties when felonyes be done in the Marches of countyes, so that mysdoars maye be attayntid. And yf the countrey wyll nat aunswere foz suche misdoars: then the hundzed where the Robbozie was done with the fraunchise within the same hundzed, shall answere foz the Robbozye/and yf it be in the dyuysyon of two hundzedes both the hundzedes to gither, with the franchize that is within them, shall answere therfoze/and that they shall agree foz the Robbozye within foztie daies, ozels to take the body. 28. E. 3. Ca. 11.

¶ None shall take in hande any others quarels then his owne, noz shall mayntaine them openly noz pzyuely by him selfe, noz by any other, foz any gyfte, pzomise, ampte, feare, fauoure, oz hatred, noz foz any other cause, in disturbance of the law oz hyndrance of ryght / vpon payne to be at the kynges wyll both bodie and lande. 20. E. 3. Ca. 4.

¶ It is enacted that no person (other then marchauntes aduenturers to Islonde, oz that be doggers called doggermen, oz suche that be fyshers that actually labour to take lynge, haberdyne, Lobstshe, and suche other kynde of fysshe in the saste see syde, oz saste see coste, shal bye any of the sayde kyndes of fysshe, at oz vpon the stone, oz at the saste see side, ozels see costes to sell the same fysshe agayne, oz any parte therof at anye of the fayzes of Sturbzuge fayze, sayne Jues fayze, oz Elp fayze And that no maner person (other then the sayde Merchauntes adventurers, doggers, oz fyshermen) shall sell any salte fysshe, stocke fysshe lynge, haburden, lobstshe, oz suche other kinde of

salte fysshe

salt fysshe, at or within any of the sayde fayres, wherof the kind of the sayde fysshe is wonte to be layde vpon lande at the easte see syde.

¶ Nor no person being owner of any shyppe or shippes, nor any maysters of the sayde shyppes, shal bye any dole, or doles of the mariners or any of the sayde shippes called ye marineres wes fisshe

¶ Nor no person shall forstall or bye any of the saide fysshe, in cōming into the fayre or fayres: to sell the same againe in any of the saide fayres: except it be to be eaten, and spente durynge the tyme of the sayde fayre.

¶ And that no person bye any stockefysshe, saltfysshe, lynge, haberdeine, lobfysshe, or any other kinde of salt fysshe within the sayde fayre or fayres, except it be to be spente within the sayde fayres, durynge the sayde fayres, vpon payne of forfayting of the same fysshe so forstalled bought or regrated, halfe to hym that wyll sease or take his accion or suit for the same, in the same fayres or in any other of the kinges courtes of recorde/ in whiche accyon no wager of lawe, essoyne, nor protection shalbe allowed.

¶ And that none of the marchantes venturers, doggermen. or fysshermē, shal bye any fysshe at the Stone, at the easte see syde, or see coste, to sell agayne the same fysshe in the sayde fayre or fayres by couin or fraude to the vse of any person, other then for their owne vse, vpon like paine as is before saide. And that euery of the kinges subiectes maye haue like aduaūtage by seasure of ye same fysshe, or by way of accion. And that no person be taken to be a Marchaunte aduenturer to take aduauntage by thys acte, except his aduenture

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in the shyppes to Iselande, shall amounte to the some of .xx.li. without fraude.

¶ Prouided that fyshers dwellinge in any place by nozth the riuer of hũber maye vse their craft in sellinge of fyshe by them taken by nozth the ryuer of Humber befozesayde. And that the byers of the same fishe/maye sell the same in any of the sayde fayres, this acte notwithstandinge Anno. 25. H. 8. Cap. 4.

¶ Where as howseholde seruauntes after the death of theyr Lozdes, and Maysters haue ryotously taken the goodes of theyr sayde maysters and departed them amonge them selues: it is ozdeyned that after informacyon made thereof by theyr Executours vnto the Chauncellor of Englande/he shall haue power to make suche, and so many writtes directed to suche Sheriffes as, and what he shall thinke necessarie, to cause proclamacion to be made in Citeis, townes, or places by two market dayes within tweine dayes nexte after the deliuerance of the same; that the same malefactours muste appere before the king in hys benche at the daye in the writte limitted / so that the laste proclamacion be made. xv. daies before the day of apperance. And in case the sayde writte be retourned at the daye, and executyd/ so that proclamacyon hathe bene made accordinge to this ordinaunce / and the defendant make defaulte, he that so maketh defaulte, shall be attaynted of felonye. Anno vicesimo tertio. Henrici sexti. Capitulo primo.

¶ The Kynge hath ordeigned that all maner of fayres, & markettes to be kepte in the festes of Ascencyon day, Corpus Christi day, whitsonday

Trinita

Trinite sondaye, with other sondayes/ and in ye feaste of the assumpcyon of our Ladye/ and good fryday: they shall vtterly ceasse from all shewing of any goodes, or wares (necessary vitayles excepted) vnder payne to forfayte all the goodes aforsayde so shewed to the lorde of the fraunchise or lyberte (wheare suche waner of goodes were shewyd) foure sondayes in harueste except. And yf they haue no day to kepe their markette, or fayre vpon: then shall they kepe it within thre dayes nexte after, or before the sayde feastes. Thys ordinaunce to endure vnto the nexte parliamente, and so frō thensforth, onles sum reasonable cause be prouid in the sayde nexte parliament, wherby it may seme nat expedient, that this ordinaunce shulde so endure, 25. H. 6. Capi. 5.

¶ The Statute made for impotente persons in the .xxii. yere of kynge Henry the eyght, howe they shulde begge, and be ordered shall be yerely red in the open Sessyons, to the intent that the same statute shalbe the more feared, and the better put in execucyon. An. 22. H. 8. Ca. 12.

¶ If any Inholder do contrarie to the Statute of vitaylours, and Inholders, made the thyrtene yere of Richarde the seconde, and the same duely prouyd: he shall incurre the payne of the treble value of the breade made by hym in his house, or other wheare contrarie to the statute / and more ouer shall forfayte foure tymes the value of that that he hath taken above one halfepeny of euery bushell of otes, above the comō pryce in the market, alwell at the fayre of the partye, as of the kynge. Anno. quarto Henrici quarti. Capi. 24.

¶ Iustices of Assyse shall enquere of Sheryffes Eschetours

Escheatours, Baylifes of franchises, and theyr Ministers, Also of Wastenyours, comen Asty-lours, and Surrours in the Countrey/that is to saye of gystes, rewardes, & other profytes which they shall take of the people for doinge theyr offyces, and of that that belongeth to theyr offyces whome the Justyces shall ponysshe, aswell as the suyte of the parteye, as of the kinge. And it is ordeyned with that the Justices of the peace by theyr commyssyon haue lyke power to enquere, and determyne suche matters at the Kynges suyte. Anno vicesimo Edwardi tercii. Capitulo sexto.

¶ They that burne howses of malyce, bycause that the owners of suche howses, wyll nat laye certayne Summes of money in suche places/and at such times, as to them is spercifyed in certeyne bylles casten into theyr howses: shall be adiuged Traytours, and the offence is made high Treason/sauynge to the chiefe Lordes theyr Escheates. Anno octauo. Henrici sexti. Capitulo sexto.

¶ Also it is ordeyned that none shall vse to multiplye golde, or syluer/nor vse the crafte of multiplicacyon/and yf any do, he shall incurre the payne of felonye. Anno quinto Henrici quarti. Capitulo quarto.

¶ They that cutte the tonges of any persons, or put out theyr eyes of malice pryepensyd shall incurre the payne of felonye. An. 5. H. 4. Cap. 5.

¶ Here ende the Statutes wherof Justyces of the peace haue power to enquere by vertue of theyr Commyssyon.

¶ The auctoritye and power of Gardeyns, & Justicers of the peace by diuers statutes beside theyr Commission, and firste the statutes of of Edwards the thyrde.

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NO One shall go nor ryde armed by day nor by nyght / vppon payne to leese theyr armour to the kyng / and their bodies to prison at the kynges wyll. And the Kinges Justicers in theyr presence, Sheriffes & other the kings officers, Lordes of Franchises, and theyr Baylifes, Mayors, and Baylifes, of Liteis, and Boroughholders, and Mardeins of the peace haue power to do execucyon hereof accordingly. And Justycers assygned at their cummynge into the Countrey haue power to enquere, howe suche Ministers, and other haue vsid their office therein, and to ponisshe them that haue not done as to their office appertaineth. Anno. 2. Ed. 3. Cap. 3.

¶ In euerie Countie good and lawfull persons muste be assigned to kepe the peace / and Justices assigned haue power to enquere vpon Sheriffs and to ponisshe them, yf they let their hundredis, or wapentaches aboue the auncient ferme. 4. E. 3. Capitulo. 15.

¶ If a Jurrour in an inquest take of the one partie, or the other: the Justicers (before whome thinquest passyd) haue power to enquere, and determine that. And yf any be attainted thereof, he shall neuer after be put in any Inquest, but shall be sente to prison, and to make fyne at the kynges pleasure. Anno quinto Edwardi tercii. Capitulo decimo.

Justicers

¶ Justicers allygned to heare, and determine felonyes shall make their writtes thzoughcout all the shyzes of Englande to take them that be indited in the same Countie, and dwell in an other Countie. Anno. 5. Edwardi tercii. Cap. 11.

¶ Justicers of Assise, of Oier and terminer, and other Justices shall sende their recozdes euery yere into theschequer / s the Chamberlaine, s Treasourer shall receiue them of the Justyceers oz vnder theyz seales: and fyrste thextreatis of them shalbedeliuerid to theschequer. An. 9. E. 3. Ca. 2.

¶ Gayles muste be in the kepinge of Shiriffes, as hathe bene wonte to be / and they shall put in suche Kepars foz whom they will answere. And yf the Keper of any pzison, oz Underkeper by dures oz payne cause any pzisoner being in his custodie to becum an Appellour againste his will / and thereof be ataynted, he shall haue Judgement of life and membze. And the kinges Justicers (befoze whome any suche case shall happen) shall enquere thereof / and yf he be founden gilty: then to haue Judgemente of lyf: and membez. Anno quartodecimo Edwardi tercii. Capitulo decimo.

¶ Two, oz thze of the most beste of the Countie shalbe Conseruatours of the peace by Commission / and they shall haue with them other lerned in the lawe in Cõmission to heare, and determine Felonies, and Trespassis. Anno decimooctauo. Edwardi tercii. Capitulo secundo.

¶ An Estatute was made to ponishe Commissioners, and to cause them cum to accompte that were Commissioners to assaye Measures, cinis, and weightes: but that Estatute is determined /

whereby it is proued that Commissioners shall nat be ponysched. Anno decimo octauo Edwardi tercii. Capitulo quarto.

¶ All seruauntes shall take lyueres, and wages accustomid the twenty yere of Edwarde the thyrde, or foure yeres before / and they shalbe allowed to serue by the hole yere, or by an other terme vsuall, and nat by dayes. And for making of hey, none shall take, but a peny by the day, and for mowinge of medowis fiue pens by the daye / and Repars of corne for the firste weke of Auguste two pens / and for the seconde weake thre pens / and so at the ende of Auguste; and in suche Countres where it is vsid to giue les, to take les without meate and drinke / and they shall beare their Instrumentis in theyr handes openly at Markette Townes, and there shalbe allowed in an open place. An. 25. Ed. 3. Cap. 1.

¶ For threshyng a quarter of Wheate, or Rye, two pens halfepeny, & for Barley, Otes, Peale, or Beanes, thre halfe pens / yf so much haue bene vsyd to be giuen in the countrey. And wheare it hathe bene vsyd to mowe by the sheafe, & threshe by ꝑ bushell, none shall take more, nor otherwise then was vsyd the sayde twenty yere, and before And thesame seruantes shall make an othe twise by the yere before the Lordes, Stewardes, Bayliffes, and Constables of euery Towne to kepe this ordynaunce / and that none of them shall departe the Towne wheare he dwellid in wynter, for to dwell in Somer, in case he maye haue seruice in the same Towne takynge as is afore lymitted. Prouyde that people of the Counties of Staffordde, Lancaster, Derbye, and Crauen, and

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the marches of Wales, and Scotlande, maye
come in harueste tyme to laboure in other Coun-
ties, and lawfully to retourne. And such as refuse
to serue shall be put in the Stockes by the sayde
Lordes, Stewardes, Bayliffes, and Constables
of Townes by the space of foure dayes, or more/
excepte be sente vnto the Gayle vntill they wyll
be ordered. And that Stockes be in euery towne
Anno. 25. Ed. 3. Capi. 2.

¶ Master Carpenter shall take thre pens by
the daye, and an other Carpenter two pens/ and
a master Mason foure pens/ and an other Ma-
son thre pens, and theyr seruantes thre halfpens
¶ Tyler thre pens, and his seruaunte thre halfe-
pens) and other workemen of ferne, and strawe
thre pens / and theyr seruauntes thre halfepens.
Anno. 25. Ed. 3. Capi. 3.

¶ Platterars, and other Workemen of mud-
walles, and theyr seruauntes shall take in lyke
maner without meate and drynke from Easter,
vnto Mygheimas, and after that les, according
to the appoyntment and discrecyon of the Justi-
cers that thereto shalbe assygned. Anno vicesi-
mo quinto. Edwardi tercii. Capi. tercio.

¶ They that make cariage by lande or water,
shall take no more then they vsed the sayde twē-
ty yere, and foure yeres before. An. 25. E. 3. Ca. 6.

¶ Lordiners and Shomakers shall nat sell any
Bootes, or Shoys otherwise than they dyd the
sayde twentie yere, and foure yeres before. An.
vicesimo quinto. Ed. 3. Cap. 4.

¶ Goldesmythes, Sadlers, Hosiersmythes,
Spurriers, Tanners, Lorimers, Tawers of lether,
Taylours, & all other warkmen, Artificers, La-

horers, & Seruauntes, shall make an othe before the Justycers to do and vse theyr crafftes and occupacyõs in maner as they did the sayde twenty yere/& after suche othe yf they do contrarye, they shalbe ponished by fine and raunsom, and imprisonmente at the discrecyon of the sayde Justycers Anno. vicesimo quinto Ed. 3. Cap. 5.

¶ Stewardes, Bayliffes, and Constables of Townes shall sweare before the Justycers tenqueare by all wayes that they can, of all such as shall offende agaynste this ordinance, and to certifye the same Justycers of theyr names at all tymes when they shall cume into the Countreye to kepe their Sessyons/So that the sayde Justicers vpon such Certifycat made shall cause such offendours to be attachid by their bodies to answere of their contemptes/and yf they be attaynted to make fine, and raunsome, and to be committed to prison, vntill they haue founden suretie to serue, and take for their worke boirge, or wages to be solde in maner aforesayde. And in case that any of them do contrarie to his othe, & be attainted therof, he shall haue forty daies imprisonmente/ and the seconde tyme one quartere of a yere/and so at euery tyme that he shalbe convicte to haue his penance doubled. And the same Justicers at euery time that they shall cum into the Countrey shall enqueare of the saide Stewardes, Bailiffes, & Constables, if they haue made good and lawfull Certificat, or haue concealid any for gifte, procuremente, or affinite/ and to ponische them by Fine, and raunsome, if they be founden giltie/and the same Justicers haue power to enquere and take ponishemente of the

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layde Ministers, wozkemen, labourers, & other seruauntes who so euer they be, and also of Inholders, Harbergers, and them that sell victayle by retaile, oz other thinges, aswell at the suite of the partie as by processe/and to heare and determine the same thinges and to put them in execucion by an Exigends after the fiste Capias, and to depute vnder them so many & such as they shal thinke beste foz the kepinge of this ozdinaunce. And they yt will sue seruauntes foz takyng excessiuely of them / and attayne them in the same tayte, shall haue againe that that was taken excessiuely. Anno vicesimo quinto. Ed. 3. Ca. 6.

¶ The Justices shall kepe their Sessyons in all Cities. iiii. times in the yere at the least accozdinge to their discrecion. Also they that speake in Abandishment, and maintenance of seruaunts Labourers, oz Artificers, contrarie to this ozdynnance shalbe greuously ponished at the discrecyon of the layde Justicers. And if any seruaunte flie from one Countie to an other: the Sheriffes of the Counties (where suche fugitiues shall be founde) shall cause them to be taken at the commaundemene of the Justicers of that Countie, fromwhens they fled/ and to bringe them to the chiefe Gayle of the same Countye, there to remaine vntill the nexte Sessions of yt same Justicers. And the Sheriffes shal retourne the layde commaundimentes before the same Justicers at their nexte Sessions. And this ordinaunce shall holde place in London, and other Townes aswel within fraunchises as without, 25. Ed. 3. Ca. 10.

¶ The Justices shal deliuer Clerkes that haue taken them to their Clergye, immediatly with-

put remittynge them agayne to to the Gayle. Anno vicesimo quinto. Ed. 3. Cap. 5.

¶ In euerie Counte shalbe assigned for the conseruacion of the peace one Lorde, & foure or three of the beste of the Countie togither with some lernid in the lawe / and shall haue power to distreine Wildoars, Riotours, and all other Barratours, and to pursue, arrest, take, and chastise them accordinge to their Trespas, & to empprison and duely to ponisshe them as they shall thinke beste to be done by their discrecion / and also to take of all suche as be nat of good fame, suffycyente suretye & mainpryse of their good aberinge, and also to here and determine all maner of Felonies, and Trespasses done, in the Countie at the suite of the kynge / and that the Fynes be reasonable hauing regarde to the quantite of the Trespas and the cause wherfore they were made. Anno tricesimo quarto. Ed. 3. Capi. 1.

¶ One shall nat be charged by the Extreatis of Justicers for the goodes of fugitiues and felons: but maye shewe that other be chargeable therewith. Anno tricesimo primo. Ed. 3. Cap. 3.

¶ All panelles muste be made of the moste nexte Inhabitantes whiche be nat suspecid nor procurid. And the Sheriffs, Coroners, and all other officers doinge contrarie, shalbe punished before the same Justicers that shall take thinquest, according to the quantite of the Trespas, aswell againste the kynge, as the partie for the damage that he hathe suffrid. Anno tricesimo quarto Edwardi tercii. Capitulo quarto.

¶ They that shalbe assygned to kepe the peace, haue power to enquere of measures, & weyghtes

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accozdinge to the Statute made. Anno vicesimo quinto. Edwardi 3. whiche wyll that wheightis auncell be vtterly put awaye/and that they shall sell by balance / and that a Sacke of wolle shall waye sixe and twenty stone/and euery Stone to waie fourtene.li.s that the beame of the balance bowe to neyther syde/s that the weyghtes be accozdinge to the standerde/s yf any byer do to the contrarie: he shalbe greuously ponysshed at the suyte of the kynge,oz of the partie Anno.tricesimo quarto Edwardi tercii. Cap.5.

¶ All Measures throughout England, shall be accozdinge to the Standerde/and euery measure shalbe striken without heape/ sauinge the rentis and fermes of Lozdes, whiche shalbe measuryd by such measures as they haue bene wonte. And Surueyours foz the kynge and the Quene shall make theyz surueyaunces by the same measures vsyd in lyke maner. And Conseruatours of the peace shall punisshe all them that do contrarie. Anno tricesimo quarto. Edwardi 3. Capi.6.

¶ In euery plee(whereof thenquest oz assise shal passe)if any of the parties wyll sue agaynst any Iurrour foz that he hath taken any thynge of his aduersarye foz giuynge of hys verdyte, he shalbe herde and shall haue hys plainte allowed forthwith by byll afoze the same Justicers (before whome they tooke theyz othe) And the same Iurrour shall be put to answere without any delaye/and yf they pleade to an Inquest,it shall be taken incontinente. And yf any other then the partye wyll sue foz the kynge, it shall be heerde and determined as befoze is expressed. And yf the Iurrour be attaynted at the suyte of any other

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them of the partie, and make fine, the partie that suith shall haue the moytie/and the parties to pᵗ plee shall recouer their damages by taxacyon of the Juquest. And the Jurrour attaynted shall haue one yeres imprisonment whiche the kynge hathe graunted that he wyll nat pardon for no fine. And if the partie will sue before other Justices, he shall haue the suyte in fourme aforesaide Anno tercio Edwardi tercii. Capitulo octauo.

¶ Concerning labourers, and Artificers that withdrawe themselues: the partie shall haue his suyte before Justyces. And the Sherysse shall take him at the fyrste daye, and do execucyon of hym, as is conteyned in the Statute. And yf he retourne (non est inuentus) an Exegent shall go forthe the firste daye, and so to be fuld vnto the vtlagarie, and after the vtlagarie, a writ shalbe sent by the same Justices into any Countie where the partie will sue to take him, and sende him to the Sheriffe of the Counte where he is outlawed, there to be imprisoned vntyll he be iustyfyed, and agree with the partie. Anno tricesimo quarto. Edwardi tercii. Capitulo. 10.

¶ Expresse mencyon shalbe made in the Commissyons of the peace that the Justyces shall holde theyr Sessyons foure tymes in the yere. Anno tricesimo sexto. Edwardi 3. Capi. 12.

¶ If any Labourer, or Artificer, withdrawe hymselfe to any Citye, or Borough/and the partye sue vnto the Mayour, and Baylyffes and demande deliuerance of his seruaunte: they shall cause hym to be deliuerid without delaye/and yf they refuse, the plaintiffe shall haue his suyte agaynste the Mayour, and Baylyffs before the

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Justicers of the Labourers / whereof they be assainted, they shall paye ten pounde to the kynge and an hundreth shyllinges to the partie. Anno. tricesimo quarto. Edwardi tercii. Cap. ii.

¶ No Justicer, noz other Wynyster shall enquere of Office of Jurrours that take moneye / oz other thynge foz sayinge their verdyte / but only at the suite of the partie, oz same cause. Anno vicesimo octauo. Edwardi tercii. Capitulo duodecimo.

¶ In all Inquestes Commyssyons muste be made to the Justicers of eyther benche, oz Justicers of Assise, oz of the Peace with other / sauing in the Escheatours office, oz thinges belonging to the same. Anno. quadragesimo. 2. E. 3. Ca. 4.

¶ Also it is agreed that the Statutes of labourers, and Artificers be kepte / and Commissions to be made therupon to Justicers of the Peace of euerie countye to here & determine the pointes therof / & to awarde damages at the suyte of the partie according to the Trespas. 42. E3. Cap. 6.

¶ It is ordeyned that one shall see the extreates enseald / and that all that which is payde be entred, and the same extreates to be sente vnto the Sheriffes vpon the receypte / and if any Sheriffe oz Wynister do contrarie: he shalbe bounden to answere to the partie that will complaine therof, & to pelde hym hys treble damages, and to make fyne to the kynge / & that the suite be had aswell before Justicers of the peace, as other Justicers And the copies of the extreates shalbe deliuerid to the Baylyffes of the Hounchise vnder the Sheriffes seale / which Baylyffes shall make their accompte in the Eschequer by the same copies, and

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the Sheriffes shal accompte by the same Extretes tottid. An. 42. Ed. 3. Cap. 9.

¶ The Statutes of Kynge Richarde the seconde, concernynge the auctoritie of Justicers of the peas.

COMLE Kning them that procure Judges or persons spirytuall to be indited, or indite them / for that that they sue them in courte Christiane for Tythes, or other thynges (the knowledge wherof belongyth to the spirytuall Jurisdicepon) after the acquitayle of them that be so endited, the enditours and procutours also, shall haue the same payne that is limytted by the Statute of Westminster secode / for them that procure false Appeales. And Justices of Assyse, and other Justices before whome suche persons indited, be acquited / shall enquere of them Anno primo R. 2. Cap. 13.

¶ Justicers of Assise in their Sessyons, Justices of the peace, & Sheryffes in euery Countie haue power to enquere of all Wagarantes, and Fayterours, and of their cupil doinges and to do with them as the lawe requyreth. Moreouer alwell Justicers, and Sheriffes, as Mayors, Bayliffes Constables, and other gouernours of Townes & places, haue power diligently to enquere, and compel them to fynde suretie of their good behauioure by suffycyent Mayntenours that shalbe distreinable, in case any defaulte be founden / and yf they can not fynde such suretie, then to be sent to the nexte Gayle there to tarie the comming of the Justicers of Gayle deliuerie / which haue power to do with them, as they shall thinke best by the lawe. An. 7. R. 2. Cap. 5.

Artikyters

¶ Artificers, labourers, Seruauntes, and vp-
tailers, shalbe duely ozderid by Justicers of the
peace, aswell at the supte of the kynge, as of the
partie accozdinge to the tenoure of the Statutes
therfoze made. And Maioze, Bailyffes, Stew-
ardes of Lozdes, and Constables of townes shall
do theyz offyces duely towching suche Artificers,
labourers, Seruauntes, and Vitayllours. Anno,
12. Richardi secundi. Ca. 3.

¶ No Seruant of husbandrie, oz labourer, noz
seruant of Artificer, oz Vitailler, shall beare any
dagger, hangerde, noz swerde, vpon payne to foz-
fayte the same/ except it be in tyme of warre, oz
as they be trauelling by the Countre. And Maio-
ze, Bailyffes, and Constables, haue power to
arreste all such offendours, and to seale the han-
gerdes, and swerdes afozesayde, and to kepe the
vntyll the Weapons of peace there to present the
before the Justicers in theyz Weapons with the
names of them that bare them. An. 12. R. 2. Ca. 9.

¶ Maioze, Sheriffes, Baylifes, and Kepers of
gayles be bounden, and charged to receyue Se-
uauntes, Labourers, Beggars, and Vagarantes,
offendynge contrarye to the Statutes made a-
gainste them / & to kepe them in pzison without
baile, oz Mainpzise/s without fee. oz any thynge
to be taken of them, by themselues, oz by other so
longe as they shalbe in pzison, oz at theiz entre,
oz goinge out of pzison / vpon payne of an hun-
dzeth shyllinges to the kyng. Anno. 12. R. 2. Ca. 9.

¶ In euery Commission of peace, there shall be
but fyue Justicers of the peace with the Justices
of Assise / and that the sayde fiue Justicers shall
holde theiz Sessyons euery quarter of the yere.

duringe thre dayes, yt neve be/vpon payne to be ponished by the Kynges counceill at the suyte of him y will complayne. And emonge other thinges touchinge their office, they shall enquere, yt the Maiors, Bayliffes, Stewardes, Constables and Gaylours haue done due execucion of thordinances touching seruantes, Labourers, Beggers, and Vagarauntes, and to ponishe them that be ponishable by the sayde payne of an hundreth shillinges / and them that be founden in defaultes which be nat ponishable by the sayde paine, they shal ponishe by their discrection / And euery of the sayde Justices shall take foure shyllinges by the daye for their wages for the time of their Sessyons / and their Clarke two shyllinges of the Fynes and amerciamentes arrysynge of the same Sessyons, by the handes of the Sherriffes. Anno. duodecimo Edwardi secundi. Ca. 10.

¶ No Association shalbe made to Justicers of the peace after their Commissyon: but neyther the Justicers of either benche, nor the Seriauntz of the lawe ar nat bounde to kepe their Sessyõs by foure dayes, as other Commissyoners dwellinge in the Countie be bounden / but so ferforth as they may entende it. Anno. et Capi. eodem.

¶ Justices of the peace must be made of the most sufficient Knyghtes, Esquyers, and Gentilmen, of the lawe in euery Countye. And they shall be sworne to put in execucion all the statutes towchinge theyr office. Anno. 13. R. 2. Ca. 7.

¶ The Justicers of peace in their Sessions betwene Easter & Wighelmas by their discrecyon shall make proclamacyon accordyng to the dearth of vitailes howmuche euery Maison, Carpenter Tyler,

Tyler, & other Artificers, wozkmen, & labourers, shall take by the daye aswell in August, as at other tymes of the yere accozdinge to theyr degree, with meate and drynke, oz without meate and drinke betwen the two Seassons. And that euery man obey this proclamacio from time to time as a thinge done by Statute. And concerninge Vitaulours/it is agreid that they haue reasonable gaines after the discrecion, and limitacion of the sayde Justicers, and no more/ vpon payne to be ponisshed at the discrecion of the saide Justycers, where no paine hath bene limitted for them in certeine before this tyme. And that Sheriffes, Stewardes of Lordes of franchises, Maiours, Bailiffs, & al other that haue the keping of thassise of breed & ale, & the correccio therof shal take no Amerciamēt nor fine for no defaulte touching the saide Assise for whiche any is to haue iudgement corporal: but shall aduuge them to the same penance & theyr defaulte requireth. 13. R. 2. Ca. 8.

¶ In the cōties of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltow & Glocestre for all hole clothes to be made there/ it is ordeyned that no hole clothe tacked nor rolled shal be put to sale within the sayde Cōties, but that they be wrought/ vpō payne to forfayte the same/so that the biars may see & knowe them as it is vsed in ye Cōte of Essex/ & that the workers, weauours, & fullours shall put theyr marke to euery clothe that they shall worke/ vpon certayne payne to be ymprysed by the Justycers of the peace. Anno. decimo tercio. Ri. 2. Cap. 11.

¶ No maner of Artificer, nor other laye man hauinge nat landes, and tenementes to the value of xl. s. by yere/ nor no preest nor other Clerke (if he haue

he haue nat auauncement to the value of.x.li. ye yere shall neither haue ne kepe any grayhoude nor greyhytch nor other dogge for to hunte, neyther shall vse fferettes, hayes, nettes, harepypes, cordes, ne other engyns for to take or dystroye wylde Hares, ne Conyes, nor other pastymes of Gentylmen / vpon paine of one yeres imprysonmente. And Justyces of the peace shall enquere of suche Trespasours, and punysshe them by the payne aforesayde. 13. Ri. 2. Capi. 13.

¶ No charter of pardon shalbe allowed before any Justyces for Murder, or the deathe of a man slayne, by awayte, assaulte, or malice prepensyd, Treason, or Raupshemente of a woman / yf the same Murder, Treason, or Rape be nat specifyed in the same charter. And if suche a charter be alledgyd for a mannis dearthe / wherein it is nat specifyed whyther the partye were slayne by awaite, assaulte, or malice prepensyd: the Justices shall enquere whether the murder were done by awaite, assaulte, or malice prepensid / whiche yf it be founden, the Charter shalbe disalowyd. An. 13. Ri. 2. stat. 2. Capitulo primo.

¶ In euery Countie shalbe assygned. viii. Justicers of the peace / so that the extreatis of the same Justicers shalbe doublid / and the one parte to be deliuerid by the Justyces to the Sheryffe for to leuie the money, and thereof to paye the sayde Justycers theyr wages by the Sheryffes hande / by Indenture betwene them to be made. And yt the Sheryffes shall haue allowance in the eschequer vpon theire accompte by the same Indenture. And that no Duke, Earle, baron, nor Baneretter shall take wages for the sayde offyce / & that the sayde

Justicers

Justicers shall put theire names in the scrypte of treatis togither with the nomber of theire Hedsmen, that the Sheryffes may knowe to whome to paye wages. An. 14. Ri. 2. Cap. 11.

As often as any forcible entres shall be made, and complaynte made therof to the Justicers of the peace, or any of them the same Justicers, Justice or any of them shall take sufficient power of the Countie, and shall go to the place whereas suche forcer is made/ and if they fynde any holdinge the place forcibly after suche entre made/ he shall be taken, and committed vnto the nexte Gayle, and there shall remayne by receyde of the same Justicers, or Justicer, vntill he haue made Fyne and Raunsom to the kynge. And the Sheriffe, and other people of the Countie shalbe attendant to the saide Justicers/vpon payne of imprisonment and to make Fine to the kynge. And in lyke maner it shall be done, of them that make forcible entreis in benefices, and offices of holy churche Anno quintodecimo. Richardi secundi. Ca. 2.

¶ No yoman, ne other of meaner estate then an Esquyer shall nat vse nor weare no liuerey called Liuerey of company of any lorde within this Realme / except he be a seruaunte continually dwelling in the house of suche a Lorde. And Justicers of the peace haue power to enquere therof, and to punishe accordinge to theis diseases Anno sexto decimo. Richardi secundi. Ca. 4.

¶ Also none shall make assemblies in outrageous nombre for to accomplisshe theire malyce/ and when soeuer any suche assemblie is begunnyng as soone as the Sheriffe, and other the kynges officers may haue knowledge therof: they shall

with the strength of the Countie (wheare suche case shall happen) make resistente againste suche malice with all their power, and shall take suche Wilddoars, and put them in prison vntill due execucion of the lawe be done of them. And all lordes, and other shalbe attendaunt with all their power to assiste Sheriffes, and other the kynges Ministers in suche cases. Anno. 17. Richardi secundi. Capitulo octauo.

¶ Also by the statute of Westminster seconde Samon broode maye nat be taken nor distroyed by Nettes, ne by other engins from the middes of Aprill, vntill the natiuite of Saincte Johan Baptiste, at mylpoolis/ vpon payne to burne their nettis & engins / and the seconde tyme they shal haue imprisonment of one quarter of a yere/ and at the thirde tyme one hole yeres imprisonment/and as the offence doth multiplie, so to encrease the payne.

¶ And by the Statute of Richarde the seconde made the thirtene yere of his reigne/ it is ordeyned that the saide estatute shalbe obseruid, and that no Samons be taken durynge the tyme afore saide at milpolis, nor any wheare elles vpon the same paine. And that during the time afore saide, nor any other time none shall putt into any water of this Realme any nettes callid stalkers, nor any other nettis, nor engins, whearby the broode or frie of any maner of fysshe maye be taken or distroied vpon the same payne. And it is ordeigned that all waters wherein Samons be taken in the Countie of Lancaster shalbe defendid as to the taking of Samons from Wigheimas vntill Candelmas daye, & in none other

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time of the yere, bycause they be seasonable at the sayde time, and that there be sufficyent Conseruatours assygned for the same waters to punisshe offendours as before is saide. Anno tercio decimo. Richardi secundi. Capitulo .19.

¶ Also it is ordeigned that the Justicers of the peace shalbe Conseruatours of the saide estatutes to survey the defaultes, and the gores in suche riuers that they be nat to straite for the distruccyon of suche broode. &c. but of seasonable wydnes after the olde Assise vsid / and that the same Justicers, or one of them that findeth the offences shall do with them that are founden in defaute accordinge to the contente of the same estatutes. Also the same Justicers shall assigne vnder them good & sufficient Conseruatours of ỹ same Estatutes, whiche shall be sworne to make lyke survieswe, and serche, and to punisshe without any fauoure. And further the saide Justicers in their Sessyons shall enquere of office, or by informacion of the vnder Conseruatours, of all offendours, and defaultes done / and yf they be endyted, they shall cause them to appere before them, wherof if they be conuicte, they shal haue imprysonmente, and make Fine accordinge to the discrecyon of the same Justicers / and yf it be vpon the Informacyon of any of the vnder Conseruatours, then they to haue halfe the Fyne. And in Thames, and Medwey the Maior of Londō is Conseruatour by certaine limyttes. &c. and shall haue the correccyon thereof. Anno. 17. Richardi secundi. Capitulo nono.

¶ In euery Commission of the peace fromhensforthe two men of lawe of the same Countye.

wh care suche Commissyon shalbe made, shalbe assygned to go and procede at the deliuerance of Theuis, and Felones, asmuche and as often as they shall thinke it good. An. 17. R. 2. Ca. 10.

¶ The Statutes of Henry the fourthe concernynge the power of Justycers of the peace.

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IT IS ORdeined that if any Walsheuen do any Felonye, or Trespas, in the Countries adioyninge to Wales, and be attainted thereof, by Outlawrie, Abturacyon, or by the lawes of the lande, and repaire in to Wales: that vpon Certificat, and Recorde to be made thereof by the kynges Justicers (to fore whome they shalbe connicte) vnder their seales, vnto the Lordes, or other Officers (wheare such Felons be) that finall Execucyon be done vpon suche Felons by the same Lordes, or other Officers/and that vpon a greuous payne. Anno. 2. Henrici quarti. Capitulo. 17.

¶ No Lorde shall vse, ne gyue any lyuerye, or suite of company to no Knight, Esquier, nor Yoman within thys Realme/ but the kynge only shall gyue his honorable liuerie vnto suche temporall Lordes as it shall please hym/ and to the Knightes, and Esquieris of his howsehode, and other Knightes, and Esquiers of his retinue, y shall take of him their yerely Fee, for terme of lyfe/ Also the saide Knightes, and Esquiers shal nat weare their saide liueries in their Shires, and Counties where they be relydēt, nor otherwheare out of the Kinges presence. And yf any Lorde do the contrarie, and it be duely proued/ he

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shall make Fyne, and Raunsome at the Kynges wyll. And yf any knighte, or Esquier do the contrarie, and be attainted thereof: he shall lease his liuerie, and forfaite his saide Fee. Nor no man shall take ne vse any liuerie of the kynge, nor of any other Lorde/ vpon paine of imprisonmente, and Fyne, and Raunsome at the Kynges wyll And no man of holy churche, ne temporall man, shall giue any liuerie of clothe, but only to hys howsholde seruauntes, and officers, and them that be of hys counsayle in bothe lawes, vpon payne of imprisonmente, and Fyne, and Raunsome. Anno.1. Henrici quarti. Cap.7.

¶ Note that there is a (Prouiso) in the statute for the Marshall, and Constable of Englande in time of warre / and for suche as passe the see, to wynne honoure. &c.

¶ It is prouided also that the saide statute be fermely kepte / and that the Justicers of eyther benche, Justicers of Assise, and of the peace haue power to enquearre, heare, and determyne in that case by recorde in their presence, or by inquearte: from time to time. And that Dukes, Earles, Barons, and Baranettes maye vse the saide liuerye in their countrie, and otherwheare/ and Knightes, and Esquyers may vse it in goinge and retourninge vnto the kynges house/ but nat in the Countrey or shyres wheare they dwell, vpon the payne comprysed in the saide statute / And that the Prince maye giue his liuerey vnto the saide Lordes, and to the Gentilmen of his householde whiche Lordes may vse thesame liuerie as they do the Kinges/ and the howseholde seruantes of the Prince may vse it as the Kinges houseloldes

lernauntes. Anno. 2. Henrici. 4. Capitulo. xx.

¶ Also ỳ watches to be made on the sea coste be done by such nomber of chosen persons in maner as they were wonte to be in tymes passyd & that the Statute of Winchester be obseruid in that case. And Justicers of the peace haue power to enquere therof from tyme to tyme, & to ponische them that be founde in defaultes accordyng to the tenoure of the saide estatute. An. 2. H. 4. Ca. 3.

¶ Also it is ordeigned that none shalbe imprysoned by Justicers of the peace, but in the comon Gayle, Sauinge to Lordes, and other that haue Gayles their Fraunchises. An. 5. H. 4. Ca. 10.

¶ The heddes of arrowes, and quarelles muste be boiled, bracid, and hardenid at the poynte/ vpon paine of forfaiture of the same heddes, and quarelles vnto the kinge, and to be imprisoned, and make Fine at his will. And they shalbe marked with the marke of hym that made them. And Justicers of the peace, and Maiors, & Bailiffes of Cities, and Borough(within the same, haue power to enquere of false makers of them, and to ponische as before is sayde. An, 7. H. 4. Ca. 7.

¶ If any riot, Assemble, route, or gatheringe of people be made contrarie to the lawe: the Justicers of the peace, or. ii. of them at the leaste/ & the Sheriffe, or vndersheriffe, shall(yf nede shalbe to assest them) cum with the power of the shire, and arreste them. And the same Justicers, Shiriffe, or vndersheriffe haue power to recorde that yt they shall finde in their presence done contrarie to the lawes by whiche recorde suche misdoars shall be conuycte, as is conteyned in the statute of forcyble entre, made. An. 15. E. 3. Ca. 2. And incase they

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same Trespusours be departyd: then the same Justicers shall enquearc of them within a moneth after, and heare, and determyne that according to the lawes of the lande / & yf the trouth cannot be founde so, then within a moneth nexte ensuing the saide Justicers, oz two of them, and the Sheriffe, oz vndersheriffe; shall certifie the hole facte with the hole circumstances therof before the king and his counsaile, whiche Certificat shalbe of as greate effecte, as a presentmente made by twelue men / and the offendours shalbe put to answeare thereupon / and those that shalbe founde guiltye, shalbe ponished at the discression of the king, & his counsaile, & if such Wisdeares trauerse the matter so certifyed: ỹ same Certificat, and Trauers shall be sent into the Kings benche to be determined there. And if the Wisdeares cum nat at the fierste commaundement / then shall an other commaundiment go forthe to take their bodies retournable in the kinges benche, & in case they cannot be founde: then the Sheriffe oz vndersheriffe shall make proclamacion in euery Countie holden after the deliuerye of the seconde commaũdiment, that they shall appere before the kyng and his counsayle, oz in the kinges benche, oz in the Chaunccrie in the tyme of vacacion, within thze wekes then nexte ensuinge / and in case they cum nat then as before is saide, and that the proclamacyon be made & returnid: they shalbe conuicte of the saide assemble, oz Riotte. Moreouer Justicers of the peace dwelling nexte in the counties (where suche riotes hereafter shall be made) with the Shireffe oz vndershireffe of ỹ shire / & the Justicers of Assyse in their Sessions

where any such riot, assemble, or route is done in their presence) shal execute the same estatute/vpō paine of an hundreth .li. to be paide to the kyng as often as they shall be founden in defaulte a= boute the execution thereof. An. 13. H. 4. Capi. 7.

¶ The Statutes of Kynge Henry the fifte con= cerninge the auctoritie of Iustyce= ers of the peace.

IT is ordeygned that all the ord= dinaunces made for wheightes and measures be obserued / and that no Purueyour of the kyng nor other, vse to bye nor take any corne by other measure, but after eyght bushelles rated for the quarter/and that euery bushell conteine. viii. gallons/ and that none shalbe bounden to deliuer for the quarter, but eight bushels rated/and that redy payment be made for the cariage. And yf any purueyour of the kynge, or any other take, or bye otherwise, or by other measure, then eyght bushelles for the quarter/ and be conuicte therof he shall haue one yeres imprisonmente/and shall paye an hundreth shillinges to the kyng, and as= muche to the partie greued (toties quoties) &c. And the partie that will sue, shall haue his accis= on vpon the case. And Justices of the peace haue power to enquere and holde plee of all the thins= ges aforesaide, and there vpon to awarde punis= shemente, aswell at the suyte of the kynge, as of the partie/and nothing shalbe taken for the meas= suringe of corne in other maner. Anno vicesimo Henrici quinti Capitulo nono.

¶ Justicers of the Peace haue power to sende

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their writtes to any Sheriffe of this Realme, to bringe labourers and Fugitiues before them, to answere to the kynge, and the parties of Contemptis, and Trespasys done contrarie to the Statutes of Seruauntes, and Labourers, And Justicers of the peace that be of the (Quorum) shalbe resydent in the same Shires / excepte the Justicers of either benche, Seriauntes of the lawe, the Kinges Attourney, and the chiefe Baron of the Eschequer. And they shall kepe theyr Sessions foure times in the yere, that is to wete the first weke after Mighelmas / the firste weke after twelfe daye, and the firste weke after the Crosse dates of Easter / & the first weke after the trãslacion of saint Thomas the martir. And Justicers of the Peace haue power to examyne all maner of Labourers, Seruantes, & their Maysters, as Artificers by their othe of all thinges done by them contrarie to the Statutes made for them, and further to punishe them vpon their confessyon, accordinge to the effecte of the same Statutis, as yf they were conuicte by Inquest. And euery Sheriffe shall do his office in that behalfe, vpon paine to forfaite twenty pounde to the Kynge. Anno. 2. Henrici quinti. Capi. 4.

¶ The Chauncellor, Treasourer, Justicers of eyther benche, Justicers of the peace, Sheriffes, Mayors, and Bailyffes, shall make othe at the takinge of their charges to do their vttermoste to auoide, cease, and distroye all maner of Heresyes. and Lollardies in those places, whearethey exercise their offices / and that they shall assyste Ordinaries, and their Commissaries, and maintayne them, at all suche tymes as they shalbe re-

quired by them, and to trauaile for to take suche lollardes at the coste of the same Ordinarie. And that all persons conuicte of heresye, and deliuered to the seculer handes shall forfaite their landes, and tenementis/ and the Lordes to haue the Escheates after the yere, and the daye, and the waste, and shall haue ryuerie out of the Kynges handes. But of landes of heretyques that be conuicte, holden of Ordinaryes, the kynge shall haue the forfayture. And no person conuicte of heresye, and deliuerid to the seculer hands, shal forfaite hys landes, before that he be deade/ yet shall they nat forfaite those landes, wherof they be sealid to an others vse. And the Justicers of the kynges benche, Justicers of the peace, and of Assise haue power to enquere of all them that holde any errours, or heresies, & of their Maynteinours, Receyuours, Fauourers, and Vpholders, as writers of their bokes, and sermõs, and of their scolis, conuenticlis, congregacyons, and confederacyes. And yf any person be endited of any poynte aboue reherside, the Justicers haue power to awarde a (Capias) and the Shirefs shalbe bounden to arrest suche persons/ and they shall be deliuerid to the ordinaries of the places or their Commissaries by Indenture within ten daies after their arreste/ yf they be nat Indyted of other thinges that belonge to the knowledge of secular Judges, in whiche case after theyr acquitayle before the secular Judges, they shall be deliuerid to the Ordinaryes as before is sayde. And the Ordinaries shall procede againste suche persons endited vpon the matter belonging vnto theyr Iurisdyccyon, as yf no suche Indyte-

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mente had bene, hauinge no regarde thereunto, and the partie Indited shall be lefte to Wayn-pipple, vnder good suretye within the same ten dayes, for whome the Sheryffe, or other officer will answere, that they beinge so endited shall be deliuerid to the saide Ordinarye within ten dayes. And the Ordinaris shall haue a sufficient Commissarye dwellinge in euerie Countye, in some place notable, whiche maye be warnyd by the Shyrreffe for to cume vnto the Gayle, to receyue suche persons as be endited by Indenture and that euery of them that shall passe vpon any Inquefte of heresye, shall haue at the leaste an hundreth shyllynges of landes by the yere, within the Realme, and also in Wales euerye of the Inquefte to haue forty shillinges of lande by the yere. And yf any person beinge arrestid of heresye escape, or breake the pryson before that he be acquyted before the Ordinarye: his goodes and catalles whiche he hadde at the daye of the arreste, shall be forfaite vnto the Kynge/and hys landes and tenementes, whiche he had the same daye to be sealyd / and the Kynge for to haue the profyte of the saide landes, vntyll the partye yelde hym selfe to the saide pryson, from-whens he escapid. And the sayde Justicers haue power to enquere of suche escapes, and breakynges of pryson, and of the goodes, landes, and tenementes of the partyes. Prouided that yf the partie so beynge Indyted, dye before that he retourne vnto pryson / that it shall be lawfull for the nexte of the bloode, to whome the Inheritaunce ought to discende, to entre without any other suyte makynge therefore / and all

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Counties palentyne, & Seigniozies royall haue power to put theſe artícles in execucyon. &c. aſwell at the Juſticers, and other the kynges Miniſters ſhall do. Anno. 2. Hen. 5. Cap. 7.

¶ If any defaulte be in the two Juſticers of the peace, Juſticers of aſſiſe, Sheriffe, or Underſheriffe (where any route, ryot, or aſſemblie is made) touchinge the execucyon of the ſtatute made the tweiffe yere of Henry the fourthe. Capi. Then at the Inſtaunce of the partie greuid a Commiſſyon ſhalbe awarded to enquere aſwell of the veryte of the caſe, and oþrynall matter / as of the defaulte of the ſaide Juſticers, Sheriffe, or Underſheryffe. And the Commyſſyoners ſhall retourne the matters founde before them into the Chauncerie / & the Coroners ſhall make the panelles of the ſame Juqueſtes wherein they ſhall retourne no perſons, but ſuche as may ſpende. x. pounde by the yere at the leaſte / & ſhall retourne twenty ſhillinges imyſſues at the fyrſte daye / and forty ſhillinges the ſeconde, and an hundrethe ſhilinges the thirde / and after the double at the leaſte. And yf defaulte be in the Coroners in retournynge ſuche perſons, or iſſues / euery of them ſhall forfaite forty pounde to the Kinge. And yf the Sheriffe be diſcharged at the time of yᵉ Commiſſyon awardid: the pꝛoces ſhall be directed to the nexte Sheriffe / vpon lyke paines in caſe defaulte be in hym. &c. & nat to the Coroners. And the Juſticers of peace ſhall haue their coſtes of the kynge, in goinge, and retournynge by Indenture betwene them / and the Riotours ſhall haue a yeres impꝛiſonment at the leaſt without baile for heighnous Riottꝫ, And Riotours attainted

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meaner riottes, to haue imprisonment as it shal please the kynge, and his Counsayle. And the kynges Subiectes muste be assistente vnto the saide Justices, Commissioners, Sheriffe or Vndersheriffe, whē they shalbe warned to ride with them, for the resistence of suche Rowtes, or Ryottes, vpon paine of imprisonmente, and Fyne and Raunsome. And Bailiffes of lyberties shall empaneil sufficiente persons/ vpon paine of forty pounde, in case that suche maye be founde within their fraunchises. And lyke ordinaunces, and paines shall holde place in Cyteis, Boroughes, and other places fraunchysed. Anno secundo. Henrici quinti Capitulo octauo.

¶ Justicers of the Peace muste be made of the moste sufficiente persons dwelling in the Counties by aduise of the Chauncellour, and the kynges Counsaile/ except Lordes, and Justicers of Assise, and the chiefe Stewardes of Lordes of the Duchie of Lancaster. Anno vicesimo. Henrici quinti. Capitulo. I.

¶ For so muche as many of Wales oftentimes take diuerse of the Kinges subiectes, somtyme ridynge aboute their busines, and somtymes in their howses, and caste them in to Wales, and there detaynē them, vntyll they haue made Raunsome. It. It is ordeigned that Justicers of the peace shall haue power to enquere, heare, and determine, all maner of such Treasons, and Felonies, aswell at the suyte of the kynge, as of the partie. And yf the offendours appere nat, proces shalbe made vntill they be outlawid/ and then the same Justicers by their letters vnder their seales shall certifie the officers of the Lordes

des (where suche Wilfoars duell, or resorte) of that outlarie / and the same officers vpon suche Certificat shall take the bodies of them that be so outlawed, and shall do execucyon of them in the same Lordeshyppes, as the lawe requireth, without any fyne, or Redempcyon for to be made. Anno secundo. Henrici quinti. Capitulo quinto.

¶ If any of the kynges subiectes vtter, or take galyhalfpens, suyskins, or dodkins, in peyment within this Realme, and be attaynted thereof they shall forfayte for euery tyme an hundreth shillinges to the kynge / the Wyttie to hym that wyll sue. And Justicers of the peace, Maiours, Bailiffes, and Stewards of Lordes in their leas tes / haue power to enquere thereof, and shall sende all Inditementes taken before them to fore the Justicers of the peace of the saide damages whiche Justicers of the peace shall make proces vpon them, & vpon ye Inditements taken before them / & shall haue power to heare and determine them, as in other cases of Felonie and Trespas. Anno tercio. Henrici quinti. Capitulo primo.

¶ None shall guylde any sheathis, nor metalle, excepte syluer, and ornamentes of the churche, ne shall ouersyluer any metall, excepte the spurres of knightes, and apparell belonging to Barons and aboue the same estate / vpon payne to forfaite ten tymes as muche as the thynge so guilded is in value / and imprisonments of one halfe yere. And Justicers of the peace shall haue full power & auctorite, to enquere, heare and determyne it / and he that suyth shall haue the thyrde parte. Anno octauo. Henrici quinti Capi. tercio.

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¶ The kinge shal cause good, and iuste wheigh-
tes of the noble, halfe noble, and sterlynge of
golde to be ordeygned with the rates necessaries
thereunto, to be deliuered vnto them that will
haue them. Anno nono. Henrici quinti. Ca-
pitulo septimo.

¶ Justicers of the peace, Sheriffs, Escheatours,
and other lustheyrente personnes haue power by
Commission to enquere of false forgers, and
counterfeatours of false wheyghtes / & to take &
imprison them without Mayprise vntill they
be attaynted, or acquyted And incase they be at-
tainted, they shalbe imprisoned vntill they haue
made Fyne and Raunsome, accordyng vnto the
discrecion of the Justicers whiche haue power
to enquere, heare, and determine suche offences
as afore as to them shall seme good. Anno no-
no. Henrici quinti. Capitulo octauo.

¶ The Statutes of kynge Henry the syxte concernynge the auctorytie of Justicers of the peace.

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IT is ordeyned that yf any Lor-
dyner vse the crafte of a Tan-
nour, duryng the tyme that he
vseth Lordinars crafte: he shal
forfayte for euery hyde by hym
so tanned, or by any other vn-
to hys vse syxe shillynges and
eyght pens. And yf the Lordynars do fynde any
open defaulte in the hides being so tanned by y^e
Tannours or by other for them: than the sayde
Tannours

¶ Tannour to tortaite for euery hyde nat sufficyently tannid syxe shillinges and eight pens, the moytie to hym that will sue. And the Justicers of eyther benche, of Assyse, of the peace, and Justicers of Chester, and Lancaster/ and Maiours hauinge the auctoritie of Justicers of the peace haue power to enquesre, heare, and determine it, at the suite of the kynge or of thepartie. Anno secundo. Henrici sexti. Cap. septimo.

¶ No man shal carie, nor make within the Realme any Tonne of wine, except it conteine xii. score and twelue galons of Englishe measure) and the Pipe six score and six galons / the Tercian thre score and thre galons/ and so accordinge vnto the rate of Gascoyne wyne, vpon paine of forfaiture of the same wyne. Nor no barrell of Herring, nor Ealis, except it contein thirty galons full packid/ nor no buttes of Samon except they conteine foure score, and foure galons full packid/ nor any Kylderkins, Tercians, or Firkins, of Heringe, Ealis, or Samon, but accordinge to the rate full packid/ vpon paine of forfaiture of the same Herringes, Ealis, and Samon. And he that wil sue and proue it: shal haue the fourthe parte of the forfaiture. And Justices of the peace, Maiors, and Bailiffes, that haue power to enquesre of the peace, shall enquesre, heare, and determine suche defaultes. And thys ordinance shall extende to Chester, aswell as to other places. Anno secundo. Henrici sexti. Capitulo quintodecimo.

¶ No Goldesmith, nor worker of Syluer within the Citie of London, shall sell any workes of syluer/ except it be as fyne, as the sterlynge, except

cepte that, that shall neade sowdze, whiche shal be allowed. Noz no Goldesmith noz other that wozkith harnesse of syluer shall put any of the to sale within the Citie, before that they be towched with the touche, and with the marke of the wozker thereof/ vpon paine to forfayte the double value of the same. And the marke of euery Goldesmith shalbe knowen to the wardeyns of the occupacyon. And yf the kepar of the towche towche any harneis with the Lybardes hedde, whiche is nat so fyne as the sterling, he shall forfaite for euery thing so prouid ỹ double value to the kynge, and the partye/ that is to wete halfe to the kynge, and halfe to the partie. And lyke ordinaunce is in Yorke, Newcastell, Lyncolne, Norwitche, Bristowe, Salesbury, and Couentre, that euery one shall haue sundry towchys, accordinge vnto the ordinaunce of the Mayora, &c. of the same. And that no wardeyne, ne Goldesmyth shall towche, or put to sale any syluer, otherwyse then it is sayde before/ and that no Goldesmithe, nor other wozker of syluer within the Realme shall worke any syluer, yf it be nat as fyne in alaye, as the sterlynge/ whereunto he shall put to hys sygne/ or marke, before that he put it to sale, and yf it be nat so fyne; and be so founden, he shall forfayte the double value. And Justicers of the peace, and all other hauinge the auctozitye of Justicers of the peace shall heare, and determine that, by bill, plainte, or otherwise and shal do execucyon thereof according to theyr diserecyon. Anno. 2. Hen. 6. Capi. 4.

¶ Justicers of Assise, and Justicers of the peace at the suyte of the kynge, or of the partye haue

powet to awarde wrttes of Attachemētes, and distres/ agaynste them that giue, or take any lyucrie in hattes, or that w contrarie to the Statutes of Reteigners, retournable in their Sessyons, whereat yf it be retournid that the parties haue nothinge: then shall a (Capias) and an exygent be awardid/ as in Trespas. And yf they appeare to the sayde wrttes: the Justyceers haue powet to examine them/ and yf it be founde that they haue done contrarye to the sayde Estatute they shall incurre the paine compzised in the statute/ that is to wyte, the gyuer an hundzeth shillinges, and the taker forty shillinges so often as they shalbe founde in defaulte. And this estatute extendith aswell to Chester, and Lancaster, by examinacyon, & pzoces to be made by the Justeers there. Moze ouer yf any person at his owne costes, bye or vse for his clothinge, any clothe, or hattes callyd lyueries, of the sorte, or sute of any Lorde, or Knyght, or any other person whatsoeuer he be for to haue of them suppostacyon, succour, or maintenaunce, and be duely conuicte thereof by examinacyon, or otherwise: they shall incurre the paine before limited for them, which take liuereys. And furthermoze they shall haue one full yeres imprysonmente, without bayle or Maynprise. Anno octauo. Henrici sexti. Capitulo quarto.

¶ It is ordeyned that in euery Cytie, Borough and Towne within the Realme, one comon balaunce shalbe with comon wheightes ensealyd, for all the inhabytauntes there whiche lacke wheightes, and for other that haue (yf they liste) without takynge ought, but only of forreyns/

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whit he shall paye foz euery draught within the
wheyght of fozty pounde, one farthynge/and foz
euerye drawght within fozty pounde, and an
hundzeth pounde one halfpeny/ and foz euerye
drawght betweene an hundzeth, and a thoulande
pounde a peny at the moste, to maynteyne the
wheyghtes with/ & the offycers that waye shall
be rewardyd at the dyscrecyon of the chyefe of
the Citye, Bozough, oz Towne. And that euery
Citie/vpon payne of ten pounde euery Bozough
vpon payne of an hundzeth shyllinges, and eue-
rye Towne (wheare a Constable is) vpon paine
of fozty shillynges, haue a comon balaunce with
wheightes accozdynge to the standarde within
two monethes after pzoclamacyon of this ozdy-
naunce made/whiche paynes shalbe leuyed vnto
the kynges vse, as often as defaulte shalbe made
in the pzemisses after suche pzoclamacyon made
And that none bye wollen yarne, onles they wyl
make clothe, noz vse wheighte, measure, ne other
thinge in steade of wheyght, oz measure, excepte
it be sealid accozding to ye standerd, noz put any
thinge thereto by waye of takynge, oz otherwise
to encrease the measure, oz wheight, oz to let the
balaunce/vpon payne to fozfayte vnto the kyng
the value of the goodes waied, oz measurid/and
to the partye quatrble damages/and shall haue
two yeres imprysonmente/ and make Fyne and
Raunsome at the kinges wyll. And Justicers of
the peace, Mayoꝛs, Bayliffes, and Stewardes
of fraunchises haue power to examyne Tresp-
sours in that case/and after to enquere, and do
execucion of them that be defectyue, by Inquest
oz examinacyon to be made by the saide Judges

or officers, in maner as before is sayde. Anno octauo Henrici sexti. Capitulo quinto.

¶ If any make forcible entre into landes, tenementes, or other possessyons, or holde them forcyble: after complaynte made to the Justicers of the peace, or to one of them by the partye so greuid, the Justicers or Justicee to warnid shal make due execucyon of the estatute made the fyfteene yere of kynge Ryehearde the seconde, at the costes of the partye. And whither those persons whiche made suche entrets, be voided, or present before the cummynge of the Justicers: yet shall the same Justicers, or euery of them haue power in some good Towne nexte to the place (wheare the entre was made) to enqueare of them that made the forcyble entre, and of them that keape possessyon with force. And yf it be founden that any hathe done contrarie to this Estatute: then the Justicers, or Justicee shall cause the landes or tenementes so entrid into, to be releasyd, and to put the partie (that was put out) in possessyon. And the Justicers, or Justicee shall make their warrantes vnto the Shireffe to cause sufficient persons to enquere before them of which euery one maye dispende forty shillinges by yere of freeholde aboue all charges / and dwellynge nexte to to the place where the entre was made/ and the Shiriffe to retourne vpon euery of them at the firste daie twenty shillinges, at the seconde daye forty shillinges, at the thirde daye an hundreth shillinges, and at euery daye after to double it. And yf the shiriffe, or Bayliffe of the franchise, make nat due execucyon of the sayde preceptes to them directed for suche inquearies, for

euerye

euery defaulte they shall forfaite twenty pounds and further to make Fyne and Raunsome. And the Justicers or Justicer of the peace, Justicers of Assyse, and euery of them haue power to here and determyne suche defaultes and negligences of Shiriffes, and Bayliffes by bill at the suyte of the partie greuid/ aswell for hym selfe, as for the Kynge / or by Indytemente so taken for the kynge only. And yf the Sheriffe, or Bayliffe be attaynted by bill, or Inditemente: he that sueth for hymselfe, and for the Kynge, shall haue the Moytie of the twenty pounde with their costes And the Maiors, Justycers, or Justyces of the peace, Sheriffes, & Bailiffes of Liberts hauinge franchises, haue lyke power within Liberts, Boroughes, and Townes touchynge the artycles aforesayde. Anno octauo. Henrici sexti. Capitulo nono.

¶ Wheare as by an estatute made the. ii. yere of Kynge Henry the fyfte. Capi. for Murders, Robbories, Affrayes, Assembles of people in greate nomber, and for Rebellyons, and Ryotes it was ordeyned that yf any wolde come into the Chauncerie, and make complaynte that any suche Felon, or Malefactour were fled, or withdrawen to any woodes, or couerte, or vnknowen places: vpon suche a complaynte, or bill sufficiently made, & after deliuerid to the Chaunceller he shall haue power to awarde a (Capias) directid to the Sheriffe of the Shyre where suche an offendour is supposyd to be resonnaunte at a certayne daye in the Chauncerie/ and in case the persones be taken, or ylde them selfe in the Chaunncerie at the daye, they shall be committed

to awarde, or lette to Mayntyse accordynge to the discrecyon of the Chauncellor / and further it shalbe commaunded to enquearе of suche offences / and to do therein as the lawe requirith / and yf at the daye of the (Capias) retournable, the Shirеffe retourne that they cannot be taken nor the parties yelde nat themselues in the Chãsterye: then shall the Chauncellor make a wrytte of proclamacyon directyd vnto the Shirytte retournable in the Kynges benche at a certayne daye, that he shall proclaime in two Counteys that they yelde them selfys at the daye in the benche for to answeare / vpon payne to be conuicted. And in the wrytte of proclamacyon shalbe contcyned the substaunce of the mattyer in the byll / and yf they come nat at the daye of the proclamacyon retournable, they to be atudged, attaynted. ¶ : Prouyded that the suggestyons of suche ryottes be witnessyd by letters enselayd vnder the seales of two Justyceers of the peace / and of the Shiriffe of the shyre, before that the Capias be awardid / and the mattier of the byll shalbe compryled in the wrytt of (Capias) aswell as in the proclamacyon. And yf suche a case fortune in Lancaster, or in a countye palentyne, wheare there is a Chauncellor, and a seale: then the Chancelor of Englande shall wrytte or sende by wrytte to the Chancellor there to do suche execucyon / and the kynge hath ordeigned the saide Estatute to be obserued for euer more. ¶ : Prouided that it be witnessyd by two Justiceers of the peace of the countye wheare the Ryot was done, &c. that a comon voyce, and also fame was in the same Countye of the sayde Ryotte,

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before that the (Capias) be awardyd / and pro-
uyded that yf suche a case happen in a countye
palentyne wheare there is a Chauncellor and a
seale: that the Chancellor there after complaint
to hym duely made, and witnessyd by the sayde
Justicers, or Liuetenaunte of the Justicers, and
the Shirryffe in fourme aforesayde: shall haue
lyke power to awarde a (Capeas) and a wrytte
of proclamacyon, as the Chancellour of En-
lande hathe. Anno octauo, Henrici sexti. Ca-
pitulo decimo quarto.

¶ All suche persones as haue dwellyd at the
Stewis being returned by the Shirriffes, Bai-
lyffes, or other the Kynges Wynysters in the
Countye of Surrey, or by any Ministers before
the Stewarde, and Marshall of the Kynges
house: maye be challengid aswell for the kynge,
as for the partie/and the challenge to be allow-
ed for that cause. Wherefore he that hathe duel-
lyd at the Stewys, shall nat be sufferid to kepe
any comon hostrie, or Inne, in any place with-
in the Borough of Southwarke, but only at
the Stewis. And Justycers of the peace in the
same countye haue power, and auctorite for to
enquere of all them that kepe hosteryes, & tauer-
nys, contrarye to this Statute / and to punysshe
the offendours by Fyne, and Raunsome / and by
imprisonmente at their discrecyon. Anno vnde-
cimo Henrici sexti. Capitulo primo.

¶ In all maner of suytes, pleys, and proces-
sys here after to be made before Justycers of the
peace: it is ordeyned that the sayde pleys, and
processys, in suche maner of suytes to be made
before them shall in no wyse be dyscontynued by

any newe Commission vpon of the peace to be made And the Justyces nampd in those newe Commissyons, after that they haue the recorde before them, haue power to contynue the sayde pleis, and processys, and to heare, and determyne the same, as the other Justicers myght or ought to haue done, in case that no newe Commyssyon had bene made. &c.

Also it is ordeigned that in euerie Cytie, Borroughe, and Towne, there shalbe a comon bussheil ensealid, and accordinge to the standerde in the Eschequer: vpon the paines conteined in the statute made the eyght yere of Henry the fyfte for comon balance to be had. And that the Mayor, of London, and all other Mayors, and Baylisses of Citeis, and Borroughes, and the Justicers of the peas in euery countie shal haue power to putte in execucyon all Estatutes made for wheightes, measures, and balances, and to here, and determyne, all defaultes and offences done, or to be done, alwell at the suyte of the kynge, as of the partie greuid, and euery othre the kinges lyeges that wyll sue for the kynge, alwell by examinacyon of the parties accordinge vnto the discrecyon of the sayde Mayors, Baylisses, and Justicers of the peace, as by Inquest duely to be taken. And he that is attainted of any default or Trespas contrarie to the Estatute made the tiesde yere of Henry the fyfte, concerninge measures/and parueyours, shall paye vnto hym at whose suyte he is so attainted an hundreth shyllinges with his reasonable costes / and an hundreth shyllinges to the kynge. Anno vndecimo Henrici sexti, Capitulo octauo.

¶ No person shal sell, or put to sale any candels, ymages, fygures, or other worckes of waxe at more hyghe price, but accordynge to the rate of thre pence more in the wheight of a pounde, a-boue the comon prices of a pounde of waxe betwene Merchaunt and Merchaunte at the time of the sale/vpon payne to forfaite suche candels ymages, fygures, and other worckes of waxe so solde, or put to sale, or the value of them, and to make fyne to the kynge / in case he be attaynted by exampynacyon, or due serche by wheyghte, or otherwyse, yf it be founde that they haue solde or put to sale suche thinges contrarie to the statute, And the Justicers of the peace haue power to enquease, heare, and determine suche offencys And Mayors, and Baylyffes, in Citeys / and Stewardes of Lordes in their fraunchises, and Justyceers of the peace in counteis haue power to enquease, and serche aswell by wheight as or therwise by their discrecyon, and to ponisshe the whome they shall so fynde guiltye in forme afore sayde, howebeit this Estatute doth nat extende to the heirs of noble men deceassyd, Anno vndecimo Henrici sexti. Capitulo. 12.

¶ The Justicers of the peace in the countie of Myddelsex be dyscharged from kepynge theyr Sessyons foure tymes by the yere / the Kynges highe courtes beinge in the sayde countie, howebeit they shall keape their Sessions twyse in the yere at the leaste / and more often (yf nede be) for Riotes, or forcible entreis made in the Kynges/ vpon payne to forfayte the Summes for the same ordeyned. Anno quartodecimo. Henrici sexti. Capitulo quarto.

¶ None shall be assinged, or deputid Justicer of peace, excepte he haue landes and tenementes to the value of twenty pounde by yere / and in case that any nathaunge landes to the same yerely value be assynged, he shall gyue notyce vnto the Chauncellor of Englande thereof / whiche shall put an other sufficient in his rowme / and yf he do nat gyue knowledge within one moneth, after that he hathe notice of the Commissyon, or if he sytte, or make warraunte by force of suche Commissyon: he shall incurre the payne of twenty pounde, the Moytie to hym that will sue by a wrytte of dette at the comon lawe. ¶ Prouided that this ordinaunce extende nat to Cytes, Townes, and Boroughes that haue Justicers of the peace. And the Chauncellor maye appoynte men lernyd in the lawe in suche Commissyons, thoughe they haue nat landes, and tenementes to the same value. Anno decimo octauo. Henrici sexti. Capitulo vndecimo.

¶ No person shall carye, ne cause to be caryed any wolles, fellys, or skyns, customable out of the Realme to any other place then to Calys, withoute the kynges lycence / vpon payne of Felonye. And all suche Commissyoners assygned, as the Justicers in euerye countie (wheare they be so caryed out) haue power to enquere, here, and determyne that. Anno. 18. H. 6. Cap. 15.

¶ Wheare diuers haue taken wages of theyr Capitaynes, and haue mustred, and be entrid of recorde the Kynges fowldeours, departe from their Captayne, within their terme: it is ordeygned that yf any do so (excepte he haue notorious sykenes, or other impedyment by the visytacion

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of god whereof he shall immediatly certifye his Capitaine repayenge his money wherewith he maye prouide himselfe of an other souldeour in his steds) he shalbe ponysshed as a Felon. And Justiceers of the peace haue power to enquere, heare, and determyne that/And further it is ordeyned that no Souldeour that so hathe mustred of recorde, and goinge with his Captayne ouer the see, shall retourne into Englande within the termes without cause reasonable shewed by his Captaine/and by him to the cheefe in the countie hauinge the power royall/ and further to haue lycense of his Captayne vnder his seale testifyenge the cause of hys lycence. And he that so of recorde mustreth/ and cummith againe without letters testimoniall of his Captayne within hys terme: the Maiors, Bailiffes, & other the kinges Minysters where suche arriue, haue auctorite to arreste, and kepe them, vntill inquery be made of them/ & if it be founde before Justiceers of the peace, by Inquery, & proues that they haue mustred of Recorde, & departyd without lycence, as before is sayde: then they to be ponished as Felons. Anno decimooctauo. Henrici. 6. Cap. 19.

¶ If any Taker, or Purueyour take, or bye any thinge to the value of foxty shillings, or within the same Summe, & make nat redy paimente therfore: it shalbe lawefull to euery of the kyngs liege to retaine his owne goodes: and to resyste them. And euery Constable/ & other officer of any Towne (where suche purueyaunce is made) shalbe ayding to ye owner, or sellour of ye goodes to make resystence/ vpon payne to rendre the value of the thynge so taken to the partye greuid/

greuld (yf they be requyred) with double damages. And that none of the kynges officers, cause any of the Kynges lyege to be vexyd or punyshed in the courte of the Marshalsye, or elsewheare for suche resistence, or retaynynge/ vpon paine of twenty pounde/the Writte to hym that will sue. And Justicers of the peace haue power to enqueare, heare, and determine suche offencis at the suite of any that will sue, aswell as at the kynges suyte / and to do execucyon thereof, and to awarde damages to the partie. Anno vicesimo. Henrici sexti. Capitulo octauo.

¶ At the parlyamente holden the thre and twenty yere of Henry the syxte, all the statutes made for Purueyours be recyted / and further prouyded that the sayde ordynaunces, and Estatutes shulde be sente to the Justicers of the peace in euerie countie to proclaime them euery yere, and to enfourme the people of them. Anno vicesimo tercio. Henrici sexti. Capitulo. i. & ii.

¶ Where as diuers persones of Wales endyted, and outlawed of Treason and Felonie cam into the countie of Herforde/and to Citeis, Boroughes, Townes, Feyers, & Warketes within the same Countie/ and there bye, sell, and cary by the space of thre or fower dayes/and after resourne in to their countrey without greuaunce: it is ordeyned that yf the Shirryffe, Undershyrriffe, or any Minister of the kyng, Maiors, Bayliffes of Townes and Boroughes, or any other person conuersaunte within the sayde countie, knowe, or see any suche person Indited, or outlawed in the countie: that he may arreste, take, & bringe hym to the Gayle, there to deliuer hym.

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And in case that any suche person Indyted, oz outlawed disobey the arreste / then he (agaynste whome suche resistēce is made) to leuie hue, and crye; and euery person conuersaunt in the sayde countie, and heringe the hue, and crye, shall cum and ayde him that leuyed it, to take the Wyldoares / and in case they cannat take hym they shall pursue hym owt of the sayde countie with hue, and crye / and Shirefes, Undersheriffes / Mayzoz, Baylifes, and other Ministers dwellinge there / and heringe suche hue, and crye, shall do due execucyon of the sayde ozdynaunce / vpon payne to make Fyne and Raunsome / and in like maner the other inhabitauntis there / that is to wite euery Knight an hundzeth shillinges, euery Esquyer, fozty shillinges, and all other Inhabitantis twenty shillynges. And the Justicers of the peace haue power to enquere, heare, and determyne all defaultes, and necligences of the sayde Shiriefes, Undersheriffes, and their Ministers / and also of the Maiozs, Bailyffes, and other inhabitantes hering suche hues, and cries Anno vicesimo tercio. Henrici sexti. Cap. f.

¶ No Sheriffe shall leasse to ferme his countie noz his bayliwikes, hundzedys, oz wapentakes, in any maner. Noz no Sheriffe, Undersheriffe, Bayliffe of libertie, noz other Bayliffe shall retourne vpon any writ, oz pzecepte to them directed, to retourne any Inquest, oz panel to be made any Bailiffes, officers, oz seruauntes, oz any the Ministers aforesaide / noz none of the saide officers, and Ministers, shall take any thynge, by them selues, oz other to their vse of any person by them to be arrested / noz of none other for them

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for the omission of any arreste, or attachmente to be made by the bodye, for Fyne, Fee, Wyte, of prison, Waiuprise, letting to baile, or shewinge of any ease, or fauoure to any person so arrested, or to be arrested for their rewarde, or pro-fyte, otherwise then as hereafter enluyth / that is to wyte for the shirefe twenty pens / for the Batliffe that maketh the arrest foure pens. And that the Shirife, Undershirefe, the Shirefes clerke, Stewarde, or Batliffe of lyberte, Ser-uaunte, or Bayliffe, nor Coroner by hymselfe, or other to his vse shall nat take any thing for ma-kinge any retourne, or panell / and for the copy of the panell. iiii. d. And that ye Sheriffe, & all other officers may let out of prison any maner of per-sons arrested by byll, writte, warrant, or accion personall, or Inditement of Trespas vpon reso-nable surete with in the Countie, to kepe their day in suche places, as the sayde writtes, or war-raneys require (those yt be condempned, or outs lawed, excõmunicate, or taken for surete of the peas, or by the cõmaundiment of any Justicer, & Wegarantes refusyng to serue exception) And no Shirife, nor none of his Ministers, shall take, or cause to be taken any obligaciõ for any cause above mencioned, except to them selfe in the name of their office / & vpon condition that they shall appere at the dayes conteyned in the sayde writtes, and warrantes. at the places. &c. And if any of them take an obligacion in other fourme by colour of his office, it shall be voyde / and he shall take nothynge for makynge of suche an obligacion, but only foure pens. And that eue-ry Shyrife make a deputye of record in the

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Chaunceryc, the Benche, and the Eschequer, before that he retourne any wrytte. And that the Shirpffe, Undershirpffe/and theyr Clarkes Baylliffes, Gaylours, Cozoners, Stewardes, Bailyffes of Libertyes, oz offyceers doynge contrarie to thys ozdynaunce, shall yelde vnto the partye so greuyd hys trebie damages, and to forfayte the Summe of forty pounde foz euerye tyme / the one Moytie vnto hym that wyll sue, and the other parte vnto the vse of the Kynges howse. And the Justicers of Assyse in theyr Sessyons/ and the Justicers of eyther Benche, and Justicers of the Peace haue power to enquearc heare, and determyne of offyce withoute Commission, of them that do the contrarye. Anno vicesimo tercio. Henrici sexti. Capi. secundo.

¶ The Shyrryffes of euerye Shyre in theyr nexte Countye beynge holden after the deliuerraunce of wrytte, foz to leuye the expensys of Knyghtes of the Parlyamente shall make proclamation that the sayde Cozoners/ and euerye chiefe Constable of the peace of the sayde Counties / and the Bailyffes of euerye hundzed / and wapentake, and all other that wyll be at the assessynge of the wages of Knyghtes, shalbe at the nexte Countye theare to be holden foz to assesse theyr wages. And that the Shyrryffe, Undershirpffe, Cozoner, oz Baylliffe muste be theare at the same tyme in theyr proper persones/ vpon payne foz euery of them beynge absente to forfayte forty shyllinges / and the Shyrryffe, oz Undersherpffe in presence of them that shall come thyther, shall well and duely assesse euerye hundzeth assessable by it selfe at a certaine Summe so

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that the hole Summe of all the hundredis, shall nat excede the Summe that shall be dus to the sayde Knyghtes / and afterwarde in the same countie he shall assesse well and lawfully euerye village within the hundredis thereunto assessable/ so that the hole Summe of all the Townes excede nat the Summe assessyd vpon all the hundredes wherof they be. And yᵗ they leuie no more then so muche as they were assessyd vnto/ and if any do or wyll assesse otherwyse, then afore is sayde/ they shall forfayte for euerye default. xx. pounde to the kynge, and he that wyll sue shall haue ten pounde. And the Shiriff shall leuy the money so assessyd as hastely as they can / & shall make paymente vnto the Knyghtes, vpon the sayde paynes / and he that wyll sue in that case shalbe admitted thereto/ and shall haue a (Scire facias) agaynste the offendoure / and in case the defendaunte be warned, and make default, or be conuicte: the plaintiffe shall recouer. x. pounde to his proper vse, aboue the sayde twenty poūde with hys treble damages for the costes of hys suite. And the Justicers of Assyse/ and Gayle deliuerey/ and Justicers of the peace, haue power to enquere, heare, and determine those defaultes, as well by Inquery at the suite of the kynge as by accyon at the suyte of the partie. And this acte muste be comprysed in the wrytte to leuye thoseexpensis. Anno vicesimo tercio. Henrici sexti. Capitulo vndecimo.

¶ It is ordeyned that a seruaunte of husbandrye purposynge to departe from hys Maysters at the ende of his terme/ and he that couenaunteth with hym shall giue warninge thereof vnto his

hys mayster as the middes of the terme/so that his mayster maye prouide hym of an other seruaunte. And yf any couenaunte with any seruaunte be otherwise made, or that suche wages be nat giuen: the couenaunte shalbe voyde and the seruaunte shalbe compelled to serue his olde Mayster for the nexte yere / except that a lawfull cause happen of a latter tyme. Also the Statute limiteth the wages of seruauntes, and Artificers. But those wages ar changed by the statutes made in the tyme of Henry the seuenth, & Henry the eyght. Moreouer no labourer, ne Artificer shall take any thynge for festyuall dayes, ne for workedayes, but after the rate of the daye and yf any refuse to serue according to that rate the Justicers of the peace haue power to call the and examyne them / and those whome they shall fynde defectyue to committe to the Gayle, vntyl they shall fynde suretye to serue in tourne atorestayde. &c. And yf any seruaunte, Artificer, or labourer do contrarie to the premisses, or refuse to do seruice, for nat gyuinge of wages contrarye to the Statute: he shall lese twenty shyllings to the partye that wyll sue. And the Justicers of the peace haue power to heare, and determyne, all suche offences aswell at the suyte of the kyng as of the partye/ and euery one that wyll, maye sue agaynste any that dothe offende/and the proces is Attachemente, Capias, and Exigente. And the Justycers of the peace shall assesse no fyne / vpon any that is conuycte vpon any Estatute concernynge labourers, or Artificers vnder the Summe of thre shyllinges and foure pens/ and they shall twyse euerye yere in theyr Sessyons

tause all the Statutes made concernyng labourers, Artyficers, Inholders, victuallers, Seruauntes, and Vagabundes. And no man shalbe excusyd to serue by colour that he holdeth lesse landes, then the husbandrye thereof shall suffyse for the continuall occupacyon of one man. Also the Justyces of the peace haue power to take all seruauntes reteigned with any person by colour of husbandrye, and not duely occupyed about suche busines, as seruauntes ought to do by the lawe, vnto them that shall requyre them to serue in husbandrie, and to inflicte them in al pointes, as they maye do of Vagabundes. Anno vicesimo tercio. Henrici sexti. Capitulo decimo tercio.

¶ If any Wyndster of the Wardeyne of the Courtes of the Estmarche, or the weste marche, attache any person by his bodie, or by his goodes of the counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or of the towne of Newcastell to answere in any of the sayde courtes: It shall be lawfull to the parties so to be attached to make resistence, and to disobey it: & if any be greuid by suche attachemente, he shall haue a writ of Trespas, or false imprisonmente, and recouer treble damages/and the defendante shall haue two yeres imprysonmente, and pay an hundreth .li. vnto the kyng. And Justices of the peace in their Sessions, Shirriffes in their Tournes, and Stewards of leates haue power to enquere of suche Attachementes/ and thereupon to procede, as they maye vpon presentiment taken before them in their Sessions, Tournes, or Leatys of Trespas done agaynste the

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peare. Anno tricesimo primo. Henrici septimi. Capitulo tercio.

¶ The Kynge hathe ordeigned by the auctorite of his parliamente, that euerie Indicemente to be taken within any Countie of the Realme of Englande (out of the countye of Lancastre) before anye Justycer, or Shirrefe in his Tourne) whearby any person conuersaunte within the sayde Countie of Lancastre, and out of the same countie (whearе suche Indicemente shall happ to be taken, shalbe Indicted: that no processe shalbe made theare vpon; before it be duelye examyned, and enquerd before the Justicers hauing powar to awarde processe vpon the same, whither the forsayde Indictours, and euerie of them, or any other person, or persones vnto their vse had landes, or tenementes to the yerelye value of an hundreth shillinges within the same countie, & haue all charges. And yf it be founde before oure soueraigne lorde the Kynge, or any of his Justis etc. that the same Indictpurd, or any of them at the tyme of the Indicemente, nor any other vnto their vse haue nat landes, and tenementes to the said value of an hundreth shillinges by the yere ouer & aboue the forsayde Indytementes agaynste the persones conuersaunte within the sayde Countie of Lancastre shall be voyde to all intentes, and of no force. Anno tricesimo primo Henrici septimi. Capitulo secundo.

¶ The Statutes of Kynge Edwarde the fourthe, concerninge the auctorites of Justicers of the peace.

by diuers estatutes.

IT is ordeyned that vpon Indytementes/and presentmentes taken before Shyrriffes, in their Townys, or lawe dayes, they shall haue no power to attache or impryson any person, nor to leuye any fynes, or amercyamentes of them that shall happen to be endyted: but the Shiriffes, or their Ministers shall bring and delyuer them to the Justycers of the peace at their nexte Sessyons holden within the sayde counteis. &c. And if the shirriffes, or suche Ministers so nat bring, deliuer, nor present all suche Indytementes, and presentementes before the Justicers of the peas at the sayde Sessyons: the the Sheriffe, Undersheriffe, their Clarkes, and Minysters / and euery of them that shall fayle in bringynge and presentynge of suche Indytementes. &c. shall forfayte forty pounde to the Kynge as often as they shall do to the contrarye And the Justicers of the peace haue power to awarde proces vpon suche Indytementes, and presentementes, as the lawe requireth/and as if they had bene taken before the same Justices of the peace, and to make fynes with them that be Indyted of Trespas, the extreatys of whiche fynes / and Amercyamentes muste be enrollyde and delyuerid by Indenture to the Sheryffes / or to their Ministers to the vse of hym that was Shiriffe at the tyme of the Indytementes taken. And if any Sheriffes, or their Minysters cause any person to be attachid, or impysoned, or take or leuye any fyne, or amercyamente of any person so endited by colour of suche presentementes

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in theire Tournes, oz lawedayes, tofore that they haue pzoceſſe from the Justicers of the peace, oz that the extreatis out of the ſame Inditmentes be deliuerid: then the Shiriffes that ſo do to forfaite one hundzethe pounde / the one Moytie to be employed to the vſe of the kynges howſe / and the other to the partye endamaged, by an Accyon of dette at the comon lawe where no Eſſoine Pzotection, ne wager of the lawe ſhalbe admitted. Pzouided that this acte extende nat to them that haue letters patentes befoze, oz franchiſes to haue ſuche Fynes, and Amercyamentes. Anno pzimo. Edwardi quarti. Capi. 2.

¶ No Alyen, oz other perſon foz hym ſhall bye, oz ſhippe any wolles, fellys, fleeſys, Wozlynge, oz ſhozlynge in Englande, oz Wales, oz carye them out from theno / Noz no perſon to carye any wollys, fellis, fleaſys, Wozlinge, oz ſhozlynge of the growyth of the Countrey on this ſyde the water of Teaſe, ouer the ſame water towarde the Nozthe, vpon paine to forfayte them / the Moytie to him that ſhall pzoue lawfully, a fynde ſuche byinge, ſhippynge, and carpage, contrarye to this Eſtatute / excepte wollys, woll fellys, fleeſys, Wozlinge, oz ſhozlinge, of the growith of Alderton ſhire, and Ritchemonde ſhyre / and that none of the ſayde wolles, fellis, ꝛc. ſo beinge ſhippes be caryed to any other place out of the Realme, then to Caleys / the wollys, fellis, ꝛc. of the countryes, and places befoze mencyoned only excepte. And who that doth the contrarye, ſhal forfaite all his wolles, fellis, ꝛc. oz the value of them / the Moitie to hym that ſhall pzoue the forfayte / and the ſayde wollys, fellys, ꝛc. ſhalbe

Leasyd. Moreouer none shall shippe any wolles, Fellis. vt. of the growith of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, Durham, Alderton, or Richemonde shire, but only to Newcastel vpon paine of forfaiture of the same, the Moytie to any the Kynges lyedge men dwellynge in the Towne of Newcastell, that wyll sease the saide forfaite, to be employed to the profite of the Towne. Also none shall conuete, carie, or cause to be conuicted, or caried any wollis, fellis, or flesis, to any other place then to Calcis (except before excepted) vpon paine of two yeres imprisonmente, and to forfaite the value of suche wolles &c. the Moytie to hym that shall espie, and sue for the same forfaite by Accion of dette, aswell for the kinge, as for him selfe, in the Countye wheare suche forfaiture shalbe made / in whiche Accyon no wager of lawe, Essoyne, nor protection shall lye. And no Marchante of the Staple shall sell, vtter, or alien the purparitie of the sayde Marchandise in any other place out of the realme but only at the Staple of Calcis. Furthermore it is ordeygned that the same woll be well, and lawfully enrolled withoute any disceite / vpon paine to forfaite vnto the kinge for euerie fleese whearein defaulte is founde, lyke peine. And Justyces of the peace in euerie Countye haue power to enquere of the saide disceites / and to heare, and determine, the defaultes aswell by examinacyon, as otherwise. An. 3. Ed. 4. Capi. 1.

¶ And thys disceite is by puttinge of lokes in the wolles, or pecis of worse wolle, then of the same fleese, or by puttinge to of earthe stones, stubbell, sythe, or Wande.

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¶ Euerie hole clothe redy to be solde must conteigne foure and twenty einis in lengthe, and to euery eine one yncke by the creste/ and two einis oz seuin quarters in bzedthe within the lyste at the leaste. And yf the clothe be lenger, the byer shall paye accozdingly/ and clothes callid Streites shall conteine in length twelue einis, and the yncke as is afozesayde / and an eine in bzedthe within the listes / and euery Barley eyghtene Eineis, and an yncke/ and in bzedth an eine, and the nayle / oz as the leaste an eine within the lystes. And euerie hole clothe, Streites, and Kerseis shall kepe the measure in length, and bzedth after the rate / and none shall put in clothe any lãmeswolle, flockes, seyme, oz cozke/ vpon paine to fozfaite twenty shillynges foz euery clothe, oz halfe clothe/ the Moytie to hym that shall sease and duly pzoue it. Howbeit it shalbe lawfull to to any person to make clothe of lammeswolle by it selfe, and cozke maye be vsyd in dienge vpõ wolles woddid, and in dienge of all suche clothz as are made of woddid wollis/ so that the wolles and clothes be perfytely boiled, and maddezid/ and that Sealis be ozdeyned, and put to the clothes to haue knowledge of what bzodnes, & length. &c. they be. And that the Treasourer of Englande shall assygne kepars of the sayde sealis whiche shalbe rewardid by the discrecion of the Treasourer, & Barons of theschequer/ & the kepars shall fozfaite foz euerie defaulte. xx. shillynges, the Moitie to hym that will pzoue the offence. And that euery Clothmaker to Larders spinners, & all other labourers of any member of thesame lawfull money foz their lawfull wagz, & also to deliuer ẏ wollis to)

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be wrought accordynge to the pounde, and due wheight/ vpon payne to forfayte to the same labourers the treble of their wages nat payed as often as the Clothemakers, shall refuse to paye in fourme aforesayde/ and further to forfaite to euerye suche labourer for euery pounde of excesse, and lawfull wheight to him delyuerid to be wroughte, for euerie default syxe pens. And that euery Carder, Spinner, Weauer, Fuller, Shearer, and Dier, of clothes shall do hys labour dwely / vpon payne to yelde to the partye greuid double damage. And that euery Fuller, Dresser, or Tayseler of clothes shall excersyse taselles / and none shall carde clothe empatringe it dyscreuecably, vpon payne to rendre double damages to the partye. And Justicers of the peace, Maiors, Bailliffes, Constables, and Stewardes kepinge leatis, or hundredis/ and porte bailliffes within the limytes of their offyce haue power to heare, and determine the complaintes of euerie clothemaker, and labourer/ aswell for nonpaymente of the wages of labourers, as of the sayde forfaitoures, and damages by due examinacion of the parties in that behalfe, for non paimente of the saide wages, and forfaitures / and for the sayde damages to cõmitte the trespassours to the nexte Gayle within the shire, there to remayne vntill the saide duties, forfaytures / and damages be payed to the sayde labourers, or makers of clothes. Also the saide Justicers, or other offycers vpon complaynte made vnto them by any person greuyd haue power within their Jurisdyccyon, to cause the partie (againste whome suche informacyon is made)

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to examine before them, and to examine him/and in case he be founden guiltie by examination, or other due proues in that behalfe: then for euerie time that he is so founde, to forfaite vnto the kinge, or vnto suche as are entteled to haue fynes, and Amerciamentes, for offences done within their Jurisdiction, tenne shillinges and foure pens/ and vpon complainte to make suche processe against the offendours, as they shulde do vpon a suretye of the peace demaunded before Justicers of the peace. Anno quarto. Edwardi quarti. Capitulo secundo.

¶ Note that the assise of clothes conteined in ꝑ statute precedet is alteryd by an Estatute made the firste yere of kyng Richarde the thirde. Capitulo octauo. Also there is a good Estatute made the eight yere of Edwarde the fourthe. Capitulo primo/for makinge of clothes in the counteis of Essex, Norfolke, and Suthfolke, of what lengeth, bredeth, and wheight they shulde be, and in what wise they muste be ensealyd/ but theare is no auctorite giuen to Justicers of the peace to enquere thereof/ and therefore it is nat abbridged here.

¶ No person shall gyue liuerie, or lygne, nor retaynes any person, but his houshold seruaunte, officer, or counceill lernid in eyther lawe, by writinge, othe, or promise, vpon paine to forfaite for euerie suche liuerie, or lygne giuen an hundreth shillinges/ and the retainer, or takinge of suche an othe, writinge, or promise, or reteignee by Indenture, for euery suche writinge, or takinge &c. shall forfaite for euerie moneth an hundreth shillinges/ that any is so retaigned by othe, writing

vt. Also euery person so entryned by such Indenture, or promise, shall forfaite an hundreth shyllinges for euery monethe. And euery person that will complayne before the Justices of eyther benche, Justicers of the peace, Justicers of Oyer, and terminer, Justices of Gayle delliuery, and Justices within the counteis palentyne of Lancaster, Chester, Durham, Examshire, against any that offendith ageinste this estature: let him be admitted to giue informacion therevpon, and to sue for the kyng, yf he will/ and this informacyon shalbe in steade of a bill, or writ originall & the proceste thereupon shalbe as in a writte of trespas agaynst the peace. And if any of thoffendours be present: he shalbe putte to answeare therto/ neuerthles thenfourmer shalbe first sworne vpon a boke ꝑ his informaciō is trew/ & euery of the Judgꝭ in ꝑ same courte haue power to examine the defendātes therupon, & to conuicte the aswell by examinacion, as by trial/ & the playntif shall haue his costis by the discrecyon of ꝑ Judges in case the defendant be conuicte, & the Writte of all the forfaittes, and therevpon shalbe, as in dette, & Trespas. And no Shiriffe shall retourne vpon any defendant that is sufficient, les iffues then twenty shillynges at the firste daye, thirty shillinges at the seconde, forty shillynges at the thyrde/ and euery daye after ten shillinges more. And yf any Shiryffe, or Coroner do contrarye they shall forfaite twenty shillynges for euery retourne. And in Citeis, Boroughes, Townes, & Portes, euery Mayor, Baylliffe, or chefe Officer hauynge power to heare, and determyne pleys personal, shall haue lyke power & auctorite to re-

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cepue suche informacions, and to heare & determine them all wel by exampnacyon, as by tryall at their discrecion/ & the king shall haue the one Moite of the forfaites/ & thenfoxmour, & Bayliffes, Maiors, & chiefe officers, the other parte, to be equally deuided betweene them/ & the parte belonging to the Maior, or chefe officer to be employed to thuse of ȳ towne, & Citie. And out of Cities, and Townes. &c. the kyng shall haue the Moite, except some other person ought to haue it by reason of any graunte, or liberte. And none shalbe awarded in any counte palentyne / vpon any suche informacion of reteiners, or liuerie.

Anno octauo. Edwardi quarti. Capitulo. 3.

NOne shall take vpon hym thoffice of Eschetoure, nor occupy the same by himselfe, or any other/ except ȳ he or some other to his vse haue landes, tenementes, or rentes, for terme of life at the leaste to the yerely value of xx. li. within the same counte/ nor shall let the saide office to ferme and that he shall certifie the name of his deputie by his letters patentys before the Treasoures, and Barons of the Eschequer within. xx. daies after his deputacion. And that no deputie take vpō him to occupy the saide office, except that Eschetoure haue landes, or tenementes to the yerely value of xx. li. And yf any person do contrary to ȳ premisses, he shall forfaite. xl. li. for euery defaulte the one Moyte to the Kynge to the vse of hys howse/ & the other Moite to the parte that will sue therfore by an Accion of dette. And the Justices of the Peace in euery countye shall enquire, heare, and determyne, euerye suche forfaytes/ vpon presentemente made before them

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in their Sessyons/ and the processe shalbe, as in an Inditemente of Trespas (Quare vi et armis) but that shall nat extende to Eschetours in Citeis, & Boroughes. Anno duodecimo. Edwardi quarti. Capitulo nono.

¶ Euerie person that vsith the occupacyon of making of tyles, shall make them good and able and throughly whyted, and annealyd/ & that the earthe wherof they shalbe made, be digged, and caste before ye firste day of Nouembre nexte before that it shalbe made/ and that it be stirred and tourned before the firste daye of Februarye nexte ensuinge the saide diggynge, and lyinge/ and nat to be wrought before the firste daye of Marche then nexte ensuynge/ and that the earth be tried from stones, and veynes called Chalme, and Weerne, or chalke taken therof/ and euerye hole tyle shall contayne in length ten inches/ and an halfe, and in bredth fyre ynches and a quarter, and an ynche and halfe quarter in thikenes at the leaste/ and that euerie ridge tyle contayne thirtene ynches in lengthe/ and an halfe ynche, and halfe quarter in thykenes/ and that euerye gutter tyle conteigne in length ten ynches and an halfe with conuenient thikenes, bredth, and depenes accordinglye. And yf any person put to sale any Tyle made contrarye vnto thys ordynaunce, he shall forfayte the double value of the same Tyle to the byer/ and shall make Fine, and Raunsome at the Kynges pleasure/ and the partie greuid shall haue an accion of dette/ wherein he shall recouer his reasonable costes sexpens-sis/ & no Essoyne, Protection, ne wager of lawe to lye there in. And the Justicers of the peace

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haue power by theis diſcrecion to enquere, here and determyne the ſame aſwell by examynacion as otherwiſe at the ſuite of the kyng, or the party greuyd/ and yf y^e defaultes be founden before them they ſhall aſſeſſe no les fine, then tyne ſhillinges for euery thowſande tyle made contrary to this ordinaunce/ and for euerye hundreth roſe tyle fyue ſhillinges and eight pens, and for euery hundreth corner, or gutter tyle, two ſhillinges. And the Juſtices of the peas may cauſe to come before them ſuche perſones as haue experience, or knowledge in the occupacyon, to ſerche and examine the digging, lyenge, tourninge, depar-tinge, makinge, whitinge, and annealing aforeſaide/ and that none put any tile to ſale before that it be ſerched by the Wardeyn, vpon payne to forfaite it/ and yf the Wardeyn fynde any defaulte, they ſhall preſente it at the nexte Seſſyons vnto the Juſtices/ and euery ſuche preſentemente ſhalbe as an Indictemente founde by. xii. men. And the Wardeyn ſhall haue of the tyle maker for euery thowſande hole tyle a peny, and for euery hundreth roufe tyle, one halfepeny, and for euerie hundreth corner, or gutter tyle, a ferthinge. And the Wardeyn ſhall do theis effectuall deuoire, and diligence/ vpon payne to forfaite for euerie defaulte ten ſhillinges. And the Juſtices of the peace haue power to enquere, examine, and determyne the defaultes of the Wardeyn aſwell as of the tyle makers. Anno. 17. Edwardi quarti. Capitulo quarto.

¶ The Statutes of kynge Richarde the third concernyng the auctozitie of Juſtyces of the Peace.

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IT IS ORDEYNED that the Justiceers of the peas shall haue auctorytie to enquere in thayr Sessyons of the escapes of any maner of person arreistyd, & impysoned for Felony. An. 1.

¶ The Statutes of kyng Henry the eight folowyth hereafter.

IT is ordeygned that the Statutes of ỳ seconde yere of kyng Henry the sixte, made for Tanners be kepte, And ỳ no Tanner while that he occupyeth the mistere of a Tanner, nor none other to hys vse, vse the mistere of a Coyrer, nor blake no leather to be put to sale vnder payne of forfayture of euerie hyde so corryed fyue shillynges eight pens/ that no Coyrers corie any leather but suche as is sufficyentlie tanned/ vpon payne to lose forfeicty hide so corried thre shillinges and foure pens, the one halfe to hym that fyndeth, and prouyth it before any Justice of the peace/ Baylieffe, Sheriffe, or any other chiefe Gouernour of any Citye, Borroughe, or any Towne of the fyue pointes / and the other halfe out of Citeys, Borroughes, or Townes of the fyue pointes to the kynge / and within the sayde Citeis, Borroughs, and Townes of fyue pointes to the vse of the Compynaltie there. And that no Tanner, nor no other person to his vse/ put any leather to sale, but suche as it commyth from the Tanner/ vpon payne of forfaytyng of the leather, the forfayte to be deuyded as is aforesayde. And that no Coyrer occuppye the misteryes of a Tanner while that he occupieth

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to lozfapte foz euepe hyde so beinge tanned by
hym, oz by any other to hys vse syxe shillynges
eyght pens, the one halfe vnto the kynge / and
the other Moyetie to hym that will sue by Iecp
on of dette, oz playnte in hys owne name. And
that no Tannet do tanne any Shepe skynnes /
vpon payne of fozfaptynge of twenty pens, foz
euepe shepe skynne. And the Justpceers of the
peace, Maypoz, Baylifes, and other Gouer
nours in Citeys, Bozoughes, and Townes,
haue power to enquepre, heare, and determyne
the sayde defaultes / and foz to put euepe Le
pcie in due execucpon. Anno primo, Henrici
septimi. Capitulo quinto.

Also it is ozdeyned that at euerysuche tyme
as informacion shalbe made to any of the kings
councell, oz to any Justpceer of the peace in the
Countye, of any vnlawfull huntynge by nyght,
oz with paputed faces: then it shall be lawfull
vnto any of the sayde councell, oz Justpceers of
the peace of the Countie, vnto whome suche in
formacpon is made, to make Warrantes vnto
the Shirpffe, oz other Offycers foz to take the
same person to appeare before the same Justpy
ceers, oz some other Justpceer of the peace of the
same Countye. And the Justpceers of the peace
afore whome the same person is so brought by
his dyscrecpon haue power to examyne hym of
the saide huntynge, & of the other Misdoers in pe
behalfe / and yf he wpfully conceale the sayde
huntynge, oz any person with hym detapne,
then the same Concealment agaynst euery pers
son so concealynge is felony / & the same felony to

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be enquired of, and determined, as other Felonyes/ and if he confesse the trouthe/ & all thas he shalbe examined of, and knoweth in that behalfe the same offence to be but Trespasse, fynable at the nexte Sessyons in the same countye to be assessyd. And yf retrous be made to any person that dothe execute the same warraunte by hym that shulde be arrested, so that execution be not had, then the same rescouse to be felonie enquerable and to be determyned as is aboue sayde/ and yf any person be conuycte of any suche huntinge with paynted faces, visours, or otherwyse disguysed not to be knowen, or of huntinge by nyght, then the same person so conuicted to haue like punishemente, as yf he were conuicte of Felonie. Anno primo. Henrici septimi, Capitulo septimo.

¶ Also it is ordeyned that the Justicers of the peace maye take by their discrecion one Inquest (whereof euery man maye dispende forty shyllinges at the leaste of lande) to enquere of concealmente of other Inquestes taken before them and before other, for such matters as be to be enquered of before Justicers of the peace, whereof complaint shalbe made by bill in Franchis, or without. And yf any concealmente be founden within one yere after the concealment, they shalbe therefore amerced by discrecyon of the Justicers of the peas. And if any person be slayne in the day, & the Murderer escape, the Townesshippe shalbe amerced wheare the dede was done. And Justycers of the peas haue power to enquere of such escapes/ and to certifye them into the Kynges benche/ and after the Felonie founden before the

Coroners,

Coroners they shall deliuer the Indictments be
fore the Justices of the next Gayle delyuerye,
theare in that Countye to proceede vpon, yf the
pryson be till the Gayle, ellles they to certifye it in
to the kinges benche. Also euery Justice of peace
that taketh any recognysaunce for the peas shall
certifye, or sende the same recognysaunce at the
next Sessyons (wheare he is Justice) that the
partie maye be called, and yf the parte make de
faulte, the same defaulte to be recorded, and the
same recognysaunce with the certyfie of that de
faulte, to be certified in the Eschequer, or kyn
ges benche, or Chauncerie. Anno tercio. Henrici
septimi. Capitulo primo.

¶ Also it is ordeigned that the Justicers of the
peace, or two of them at the leaste, whereof one
to be of the (Quorum) haue auctoritie to let pri
soners, and persones mainpernable to bayle vn
to the nexte generall Sessyons, or nexte Gaole
delyuere in the same county, and the same Justi
cers to certify the same baile at the nexte gene
rall Sessyons or Gayle delyuere in the same shire
vpon paine to forfaite ten pownde. And that eue
ry Shyriffe, and Bayliffe hauing the keppyng of
Gayles do certifye the names of euery person in
their keppinge, and of euery person to them com
mitted [illegible] at the nexte generall Gayle
delyuerye, that the Justice maye proceede to make
deliuerye of suche pysoners according to the
lawe, vpon paine to forfayte an hundreth shyl
lyngs for euery defaulte theare recorded. Anno
tercio. Henrici septimi. Capitulo tercio.

¶ Also it is ordeyned that euery Justice of the
peace in the shires (wheare they be Justicers) do

cause openly, and solemply to be proclaymed, foure tymes in the yere, in foure principall Sessyons, the tenour of this proclamacio folowing Henricus dei gracia. &c. the kyng our souereign lorde. &c. As it appereth in y^e boke of the statut.

¶ And euery Justicer of the peace beinge presente at any of the sayde Sessyons, yf they cause not the proclamacions to be made shall forfayte twenty shillinges to the kynge. Anno .4. H. 7.

¶ Also it is ordeygned that all shall botes, and engyns made for distruccyon or takynge of frye or broode of fyshe in the haue of Oxforde be nat occupyed, nor vsed/ vpon payne of forfayture of ten pounde at euery tyme/ the halfe to hym that shall fynde the same, & sue therefore by informacyon in to the Eschekier. And the Justices of the peace in the shires of Norfolke, and Suffolke, haue power to enquere in their generall Sessions of all botes, netes/ & engyns vsed contrary to this ordinaunce, & to punysshe the offendours by their discrecyon. Anno .2. Hen. 7. Capi. 1.

¶ And it is ordeygned that yf any Souldeoures, beinge retayned, or y^t take any pryck to serue the kynge vpon the See, or vpon the lande, or beyonde the See, departe out of seruice without licens of his Captayne, that suche departeyng be adiudged Felonye, and the offendour to haue suche lyke punishmente of Felony. And the Justicers of the peace whease any suche offendour is taken/ shall enquere, heare, and determyne, the same as thoughe the offence were done in the same shyre. And the departer, and the receyuour (yf they be trauersed) shalbe tryed in the same shyre whease they be arrested,

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¶ Is is ordeyned that the kynge at his owne costes do lete to make weightes and measures of brasse accordinge to the standarde in the Eschekier, and that the sayde wheightes and measures be deliuered to the Citesyns, & Burgesses of the chiefe Cyties, or shire Townes, or Boroughes of euery shire, or to the chiefe officers of them, by Indenture made betwene the Treasorer of Englande, and the sayde Citesyns, Burgesses, or other of the chiefe officers, and theare to reste as the kynges Treasour, for the entente that all weightes, and measures may be reformed and amended, and made according. And euerie chiefe officer of the same Cities, Boroughes and Townes shall haue a speyall marke, or seale to marke euerie weight, and measure so brought to him without delay. And to take for euery bussheli a peny/and of euery other measure an halfpeny/and of euery hundreth wheight a peny/and of euery halfe hundreth wheyght an halfpeny/ and of euery wheyght vnder a quarter, and nat aboue/vpon payne to forfaite forty shillinges for euery time yt he refuseth or doth contrary/ halfe to him that is greuid that will sue for the same by Accyon of dette after the course of the comen lawe, & no wager of lawe to be admitted. And yt Iustices of peace haue power to enquere, heer, & determine the same defaultes. And that no man bye nor sell, by other weightes or measures, then is according to the sayde standarde/vnder ye paines limitted in the statutes of weightes & measures.

¶ Also it is ordayned that ye Shiriffes, Maiors Baylifes, and all other Gouernours of Cities, Boroughes, Villages and other places make due

serche to take all Vagabundes, idle, and suspecte
persons/and them so taken to set in the stockes
thre dayes, and thre nyghtes/ and so haue but
only breade and water, and after to be had out
and set at large/and if he be taken againe in the
same Towne, then to be set in the stockes syxe
daies lykewise with lyke diet/and if any person
gyue them any other meate/to forfayte for euery
tyme so doyng twelue pens, or for fauorynge of
them in their mysdoynge. And that all maner of
beggers cesse, and byde in the hundreth where
they laste dwellyd, or where he is best knowē, or
borne, with out beggynge out of the sayde hun-
drethe/ vpon payne to be ponyshed as is afore-
sayde, and that none be excused by that that he
is a clerke of the vniuersytye without he shewe
letters of the Chauncellor of the vnyuersyte fro
whense he cometh, or for that he is a souldeour,
shipman, or trauelinge man, without he bringe
a letter from hys captayne, or from the Towne
wheare he landyd, and to be commaundid to go
streight the hyghe waye to hys Countrey. And
yf ỳ Whirik, or other officer execute nat the pre-
misses of euery Vagabunde, Herempte, or beg-
gar able to labor Clerke Stigreme. or shypman,
as ofte as any suche commeth to his syghte, or
that he hathe thereof knowledge within the
Towne, where he hathe auctorite: then as ofte
as any suche mysdoars abyde there by the space
of one daye vnexamined, and vnponyshed, to
forfayte twenty pens for euery Mysdoer so de-
parted, and the Lorde in his Lete/and the Shy-
riffe in his Tourne to enquere, and to haue for
euery defaulte twenty pens/ and the Shiriffe in

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hys Tourne to enquearе of the vsеapes within the iurisdiccyon of his Tourne, and to haue .xx. pens foz euery defaulte, and the forfaytes and penalties within Liteis, to be gyuen to the Albermen of euery warde, to his owne vse/ and to distreine foz suche penalties so gyuen. And none apprentyce, ne seruaunte artificer ply at the tables, but only foz meate and drinke, ne at Tenys Clashe, Dyse, Cardes, Bowles, oz any other vnlawfull games, out of Christemas in hys maysters house, oz wheare that he is presente/ vpon payne of emprisonmente openly in the stockes, by one days. And that the house holder wheare dispynge, carding, tennes playeng, boules, clasche, oz any other vnlawfull games shalbe vsed other wyse then is aforesayde / and lawefully presented before Justicers of the peace, oz Mayer, oz Shereffe in his Toune, oz Stewarde in hys Lete, oz by examinacyon hadde before the Justicers of the peace, that proces be made vpon the same as vpon an Indytemente of Trespas againste the peace / and no lesse fyne to be admitted vnder fyue shillinges and eyght pens. And it shall be lawfull to .ii. Justice of the peace (whereof one to be of the Quorum) to reiecte, and putaway comen ale sellinge in Townes, and places wheare they thynke conuenyent. And to take suretie of the kepers of ale houses of their good behauynge, and the same to be aduysed at the tyme of the Sessyons. Anno primo. Henrici septimi. Capitulo secundo.

¶ Item it is ordeygned that the Inhabytauntys of all Citeys, Boroughes, and marketts Townes, shall make/oz cause to be made comen

measures, and weights accordyng to the weyghtes and measures appointed by statute, and the same to remayne in the same Townes, and to be marked by the Mayors, Baylyffes, or other officers in whose possession the foresayde standerde shall remaine, and euery of the saide Mayors, Bayliffes, or other heed officers hauing the saide weightes and measures, sygned and printed vnder the sygne for the same with a letter browned to assygne, and pryute tyke weyghtes and measures to euery of the Kynges subiectes requiring the same, takynge for markinge of euery bushell a peny. No person in any Citye, or market Towne by nor sell with any weyghtes, or measures, excepte it be marked, nor any person out of a Citie, Borough, or market Towne excepte it be egall with the standerde: and that euery person without Citeis, Boroughs, & market Townes aswell bout as within, bye & sell with a bushel sealed, signed, or marked in maner & fourme beforsayde. And all officers twise in yere shall cause all weyghtes, and measures within Citeys, Boroughes, and market Townes to be brought before them, & to be examyned, and suche as be defectiue to be broken, and brent, and the party that hath offended shall forfaite for the furste default syxe shillinges and viii. pens. And at the seconde tyme thirtene shillinges and foure pens: & at the thirde time, xx. s. And to be set vpō the Pillory, & the forfaite of the one halfe of the saide. vi. s. viii. d. to the Mayor or other officer, hauinge Jurisdiction and correction in that behalfe. Anno. 2. Henrici. 7. Capitulo. 4.

¶ And two of the Justicers of peace whereof

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one to be of the Quorum, haue auctorite aswell by examinacion as by inquere, to heare, & determine the defaultes of the sayde Maiors, Bailifs or other lawfull officers in that behalfe, and of all byers and sellers doynge contrarye to this acte And to set Fyne by their discrecyons, and that it be ordeigned that theare be but onely eight buts shelles ralsed for the quarter, and fourten pounde for the stone, and syxe stone in the sacke. And the Justicers of the peace aboue sayde haue auctorite to make lyke Proces against parsons found defectiue, and to set Fyne vpon them, as yf they were endyted of Trespas. And whereas it was ordayned, that in euery towne that hath a Constable, shalbe towen wheightes sealed vpon certayne penaltyes: those penaltyes extende nat to any Towne yf is no Citye, Borough, nor market Towne, this Acte extende nat to any parson byenge, or sellynge by water measure within the ship borde, and the water measure shall conteyne v. peches after the standerde ralsed & steyken. Anno secundo Henrici septimi, Capitulo quarto.

¶ Item it is ordeyned that no Shiriffe vnder Sheriffe, there Clarke, nor other parson in their names, nor by their commaundimente shall take nor entre no playntes in their bokes in no mans name onles the plaintiffe be in proper parson, in the courte, or elles by sufficiente deputy that is knowen of good name, and that the playntiffe shall fynde pledges to pursue the same playnte, suche parsons as be knowen in the countie, and shall haue but one playnte for one Trespas, or contracte. And if the Shiriffe, vnder Shiriffe, there clarke, take, any mo plaints, then ye plaintiff

supposeth that he hathe cause of accyon against the defendaunte, then the Sheriffe, Undersheriffe, or shire Clarke that doothe contrarye shall forfayte forty shillinges for euery defaulte, halfe to hym that wyll sue, and proue the matter by accyon of dette, or informacyon as the Escheker And euery Justicer of the peas shall haue auctorite vpon complainte made by the partie greuid to examyne the Sheriffe, Undersheriffe, or shire Clerke, and playnelye. And yf the Justycer, or any of them fynde defaulte in the Shiriffe, Undersheriffe, or shire Clerke in entryng of the saide plaintes for their aduauntage, then they shalbe conuicte thereof without further inquearie, and to forfayte forty shillynges to the kynge for euery defaulte, and the Justicer of the peace shall certifye the same examinacyon within one quarter of a yere nexte after, in to the Escheaquer/ vpon payne of forty shillynges. And the sayde Shiriffe, Undershiriffe, and shire Clerkes shall cause to be made sufficiente preceptes vnto the Baylliffe of the hundreth to attache, and somon the defendaunte to appeare to the plaintes commencid. And if there be any defaulte in the Baylliffe of the hundreth in warnynge of the defendaunte to appeare to the plaintes commencid, or in executyng of their office: then they to forfayte forty shellinges to the kynge, and to be conuicte by examinacyon of euery Justices of the peace, as is before sayde, and the sayde Shiriffe, or Undershiriffe, shire Clarke, or their deputes, shall make none Escreatis to leuye the sayde fynes as mercyamentes tyll that two Justycers of the peace (whereof one to be of the Quorum) haue

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had the ouersyght of the same bokes / and that
estreates be indentyd betwene the sayde Justy-
cers, and Shirysses, and Undershirysses, and
sealed with their seale, the one parte to remayne
with the Justicers, and the other parte with the
Shirifes, to the entents to understande yf there
be any untrue demeaninge in the making of the
bokes. And the persons that shalbe gatherers of
the sayde amerciamentes shalbe sworne by the
sayde Justicers, that they take no more money
then is conteyned, and conteygned in the estreates
sealed w^t the seales of the Justicers / upon paine
of forfaytinge as is before sayde, the same ga-
therers thereof to be connicted by examinacion
of the Justicers of the peace, or one of them. Pro-
vided that the sayde Justicers of the peace be
appointed at the generall Sessyons after Mi-
helmas, by him that is (Custos rotulorum) and
in his absence, by him that is eldest of the Quo-
rum, to haue the ouersyght and controlments of
the Sheriffes, Undershiriffes, and shire Clarkes,
and other officers, and of the sayde Amercia-
mentes. And the sayde Justicers of peace vpon
suggestion or informacion of the party greuyd,
shall make proces of Trespas againste the Shi-
riffes, vnder Shiriffes, shire Clarkes, and other
officers to appeare before them to answere to
the sayde suggestion, or informacion. Anno se-
cundo. Henrici septimi. Capi. decimo quinto.

¶ Item it is ordeyned that it shall nat be lefull
to any person to make, or cause to be taken any
Felauntes, or Partyches, by nyght, or other
engins vpon the fees holde of any other person
withoute speyall licence of the abuter, or pos-

some of the same/ vpon payne of forfay tynge of ten pounde, halfe to the party that wyll sue for the same by Accion of dette, bylle, or otherwyse and the other halfe to the owner, or possessour of the sayde grounde where they be taken. Also that no parson take, or cause to be taken vpon hys owne grounde, or any other mans, the egges of any Faucon, Gosshauke, Lanarde, or Swan out of the neste/ vpon payne of imprysonmente by a yere and a daye, and fyne at the kynges wyll. the one halfe thereof to be to the kynge, and the other halfe to be vnto the owner of the grounde where they were taken. And the Justices of the peace haue auctorite to heare, and determyne the same afwell by inquisicion, as information, and proues. And that no person beare any Haukes of the broode of Englonde called Nies, Gosshauke Tarsell, Laner, Lanaret, or Faucon/ vpon payne of forfaiture of his Hauke to the kinge, and they that bynge any suche Hauke from beyonde the see, to bynge a certificat vnder the Customers seale of the porte, wheare he firste landid with the sayde Haukes, and yf he come out of Scotlande/ then vnder the seale of the Warden, or sixe tenaunte of that marche that he commeth from, testifienge that the same Haukes be of the parties beyonde the see, of Scotlande/ vpon the same payne. And that no parson take any Ayre Faukon, Gosshauke, Tarsell, Laner, or Lanaret in theire wodes or in any other place, nor purpose to dryue them out of their courtes, nor sley them but suffer them at their liberte/ vpon payne of ten pounde, the one halfe to the kynge/ and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue by Accion of

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dat by tymmes on before Justices of the peace by inbozmacion; oz otherwise. Prouided that all Wotes of the forsayd graun by taking of Distresses, be to the owners of the Swannes, as to the owner of the grounde. An.11.H.7.Ca.17.

¶ Item it is ordeyned that where the Ingnes, to auoide deceites vsed in weightes, and measures, do ordeyne certaine wheightes, and measures to be deliuered and conueyed to the Citeys, Boroughes / and townes specified in a statute annexed to the same Acte whiche after was ppounded defective/ wherfore it is enacted that the measure of the bushell containing eyght gallons of wheate and euery gallon eight pounde of Troye weight: and euery pounde containing twelue ounces of Troye wheight/ euery ounce twenty sterlinges and euery sterlinge to be of the wheight of xxxii. cornes of wheat that growith in the myddes of the eare of wheat, and that a standerde of a bushell/ & of a galon after the saide assyse remayne for euer in the treasury/ and the bushelles, and gallons sent to the Citeis, Boroughes, and Townes, to be broken, and newe made at the costis of the Citeis, Boroughes, and Townes/ and there to remaine. And that all bushelles to be made, be marked and ordered after the forme of the Acte made. An.11. H.7. and the same Acte made. An. 11.H.7. to stande in his effecte with the penalties vpon the same bushels/ & galons newe to be made as it was vpon the other bushels/ & galons made before this Acte/ and this acte had not ben made. Anno 12.H.7. Capi.5.

IT Is Ordeyned that no person whiche haue no Parke, Chase, nor Forreste, of theyr

theire owne, kepe or cause to be kepte nettes called Dere hayes, buckstalles, or hayes/ vpon payne to forfayte for euerye moneth ten pounde, nor stalke, nor cause any other to stalke with bushe, or with beaste, to any Dere in any parke, chase or forreste, without lycence of the owners of the grounde, Wayter of the game, or keper of the same/ vpon payne of ten pounde for euery tyme. And that no person without his owne grounde take, or cause to be taken, by any meane, craste, or engyn any Herons, without it be with hauke or longe bowe/ vpon payne of euerye Herone so slayne fyue shillinges and eyght pens. And that no person owt of hys owne grounde take any yonge Herons owt of the nestes without lycence of the owner of the grounde/ vpon payne to forfayte for euerye Heron ten shillinges. And that euery man that wyll sue shalbe admitted to sue for any of the forfaytes by Accion of dette, and no wager of the lawe, Protection, nor Essoyne to be admitted. And two Justicers of the peace at the Sessyons shall haue auctoryte to call before them any person suspecte of the premysses, and to examine him, and yf by their examinacyon the partie be founden in defaulte, then he so founden in defaulte, to be committed vnto pryson tyll he haue founde suretie for paymente of the same forfayte to the kynge, and those Justycers that so examyne them, shall haue the tenthe parte of the forfayte. Anno decimo nono. Henrici septimi. Capitulo vndecimo.

¶ It is ordeyned that Shiriffes, Mayres, Bailliffes, highe Constables, and petye Constables, and Gouernours, and other officers of Citeys

Boroughes

Boroughes, Wythyns, and other places shall make due Serche, and cause to be taken all Vagabundes, vnlie people, and suspecte persones lyinge suspectiously, and streyne them in the Stockes by one daye, and one nyghte to be sette at large, and to auoyde vnto the place, and boundyng where they were borne, or elles vnto the place where they laste dwelled by the space of .iij. yeres, and there to remaine, and yf agayne they be taken in suche defaulte in the same Towne then they to be sette in the Stockes .iij. dayes and .iij. nyghtes with lyke diete, and yf any person receyue the Vagabonde, or geue them meate or drinke or harborowe them one nyghte / they or they to forfayte for euery tyme twelue pence. And beggers not able to worke, to resorte to the place where they were borne, or where they dwelled by the yeres laste, and there to remayne without beggynge out of the Citie, Towne, or Burroughe vpon payne to be punished as is aforesaide, and that no man harborowe suche beggers aboue one nyghte / vpon the same paine. And that no Clerke of the vnpurueyde be excused, without he shewe a letter of the Chaunter of the Vniuersitie from whence he commeth, nor no Souldeour, Shipman nor straungeborne man without he bringe a letter from his Captayne, or from the towne where he landed, and then to be commaunded to go the streight waye to his Countrey, or elles to be punished as a Vagabunde, and he that doth harborowe them, to forfaite twelue pens. And yf the Shiriffe, or other officer, execute not the premisses of euery Vagabunde, Sompnour, beggar, Clerke, Pylgryme, or Shypperman, as ofte as he

/ appeareth in his syght, or haue knowlege with
in the towne s place as ofte as any of the, sayde
Wisdoers abide there aboue a day and a night
and vnexamined, and vnpunished for euery mis-
doer so departed to lose thre shyllynges foure
pens, s the Lorde in his lete/and Shireffe in his
tourne, to enquere of all defaultes, s misdemea-
nours in their leete s tourne. And yf lorde in the
lete to haue in his lete the forfaite aboue saide
for euery defaulte/s the Shireffe likewise in his
tourne to enquere of suche escapes/s to haue for e-
uery defaulte. iii. s. iiii. d. And this penalte s for-
faite to be forfaited by any officer, or other perso
for vnpunishment of vagabundes, s mysruled
persons. And where a Maior is/he to haue ye pe-
nalties/s that euery man ye shal haue the penal-
te may distrain therfor. The Chauncelor of En-
glonde the. xii. chiefe Iuges, s Iustyces of Assyse
within their circuytes, s euery of them within the
shyres where they shall fortune to be, haue full
auctorite to call before them, s euery of them/the
Shireffes, Maiors, Constables, s all other offy-
cers within the same shires/whiche haue power
to execute this Statute/ to examine them of the
execucyon of thys Statute/ and yf they fynde any
defaulte in due execucyon therof, the sayde offy-
cers shall suffer/ and haue like payne and punis-
shmente /as yf they were conuycted by order of
the lawe. And that no prentyce, nor seruaunte
at husbandrye, Labourer, ne seruaunte to ony
syer playe at Tables, Tenelle, Closhe, Dyce,
Cardes, Boules, or at any other vnlawefull
games in no maner of wyse out of the twelue
dayes of Chrystemasse, and then they for to play

in the dwelling house of his Master, or where the Master, or any of the sayde seruauntes is present/ vpon payn of imprysonment in the stockes by one daye openly/ and that the householder where dycyng, and cardyng, or where any other vnlawfull game is vsed otherwyse then is afore sayde/ is lawefully presentid before the Justyces of Peace, Mayor, Sheryffe, in hys Tourne the Stewarde in hys Lete, or by examynacyon had, before the sayde Justycers of the Peace, shall Processe maye be made vpon the same, as vpon Indytement of Trespas agaynste the peas, and that the Fyne be not vnder the Summe of syxe shillynges, and eyghte pens. And the Justycers of peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to retecte, and also to put awaye comen ale selynge in Townes and in all other places where they thynke is moste conuenyente/ and to take suretie of the kepers of ale howses, and of their good behauynge by theyr discressyon/ and the same to be abupsed, and agreed in the tyme of theyr Sessyons. The Justycers of the peace, or two of them at the leaste/ and euerye Mayor, Sheryffe, and Bayliffe within theyr auctoryte haue full power, and auctoryte, to make Coueytymes in the yere/ euerie quarter ones, or after by their discressyon thynke beste the fore a duligente serche secretely/ and if they fynde any vnruled parsons, then the same to punyshe pon Imprysonment/ leuinge women with childe, aged parsons/ above .xl. yeres, or impotent and sycke parsons. An. 19. Henrici 6. Capitulo 12.

¶ Also where by the Acte made the thyrtene yere of Kinge Henry the fourthe. It was ordey-

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ned for ponishmente of ryottes, a good Acte and
Statute, whiche Acte by this Parliamente is
affyrmed good, and further it is ordeined that yf
any ryot, or vnlawfull assemble be done, then the
Shirriffe hauynge a precepte to retourne fourte
and twenty pastones, shall retourne suche per-
sons as haue twenty shillinges of Charter lande
or fyre and twenty shillinges and eight pens of
copy lande, or of bothe, and to retourne in issues
at the tierce dayes foure shillinges yf they appeare
nat, And yf defaulte be in the Shirriffe in retour-
ninge of parsons of that sufficience, or retourne
nat en issues as is aforesayde, then the Shirriffe
to forfayte for eyther twenty pounde. And yf the
ryot be nat founde by reason of maintey gnours
or Imbracery, then the same Justices, Shirriffes
vnder Shirriffes, ouer and aboue all suche certi-
fycat, as they muste make, shall in the same cer-
tifycat certifye the manour of the same mayn-
tenours, and Imbracyours, yf any be with their
myscreeanours that they knowe / vpon payne
of euery of the sayde Justicers, Shirriffes, vnder
Shirriffes, twenty pounde. if they haue no reaso-
nable excuse for vncertifycat made, and the same
certifycat shalbe as one Indicremente founde by
twelue men, and euery Maintetour, and Im-
bracetour to forfayte twenty pounde, and to be
committed to warde, and theare to remayne by
discretyon of the Justicers. Anno decimo nono
Henrici septimi Capitulo decimo tertio.

There after folowyth the Statutes
made in the tyme of Henry
the eyght.

Auctozite of Justices. Fa. Crist.

IT is ozdayned that vpon requeste made vnto a Cozoner to come/ tenquere vpon the viewe of any person slayne drowned, oz otherwise, by misaduenture, deed, the saide Cozoner diligētly do his office vpon the viewe of the body of eurye suche parson without any thynge therefoze/ vpon paine to forfaite euerye Cozoner that will nat endeuer hym to do his office, oz that taketh any thinge foz doinge of his office vpon euery parson deed by misaduenture forty shillinges foz euerie tyme. And the Justices of Assyse / and Justicers ot the peace, haue auctozitie to enquearc thereof/ and to determyne the same alwell by examinacyon, as by presentemente. In. primo, Henrici octaui. Capi. nono.

¶ Item it is ozdayned that yf any Escheatour, oz Commissyoner here after putte into any of ye hynges Courtes / any Inquisicyons, oz office concerninge landes, tenementes, oz other hereditamentes, nat founden noz presented by the oathes of twelue men, and indentid, and by them sealed / then the same Commissyoner, oz Escheatour to forfayt foz euery suche office, oz inquisition so retourned, oz put into any of the hynges Courtes/ one hundreth pound to the partie greeued. And no Escheatour, ne no man sytte by vertu of any Commission/ to enquearc of landes, tenementes, oz hereditamentes/ excepte he oz they haue landes, oz tenementes, oz other to his vse to the yerely value of forty marke/ ouer all charges / vpon paine of twenty pounde/ and that the Escheker be discharged vpon their othes, foz

theyr owne insufficiency without Fyne or Fee; and that euery Commissyoner, and Eschetour sytte in open place / and suffer euerye person to giue their euidence to suche enquest / vpon pain of ten pounde. And that no Shireffe retourne any person vpon suche enquest, exrepte euerye of them, or other to their vse haue landes or tenementes / of the yerely value of forty shillinges in the shire / vpon payn of an hundreth shillings And the Jury shall receyue the counterpayne of the office endented and sealed by the Eschetour or Commissyoner / and to remaine with the foreman of the inquest / vpon paine of euerie of the Jury twenty shillinges. And when the Jury ofcereth to presente their verdite / the same Eschetour, or Commissyoner shall receyue the same verdite without delaye / vpon paine of an hundreth pounde / and to deliuer the counterpane to the Jury vpon lyke paine. And theare be many other aerticles in the same Statute / nat here abredgid. Prouided that this Acte extende nat to any Justicer of the peace, for any thinge doinge / concerninge the Commissyon of the peace. Anno tercio. Henrici octaui. Capitulo secundo.

¶ It is ordained that all panels to be retournid whiche be nat at the suyt of any partye / & put in by the Shireffe, or his ministers before any Justices of Gayle deliuere, or Justicers of the peas (whereof one to be of the Quorum) in their open Sessyons / to enquere for the kyng, shalbe retourned by puttinge to, & taking out of the names of the persons impanellid by the discrecyon of the same Justicers / before whome they be so retourned. And the same Justicers of the peace, shall

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commaunde the Shireffe and other his officers in his absence, to put other persons in the same panel, by their discrecion. And the same panel so reformed by the same Justices, to be good and lawefull. And yf any Shireffe do not retourne ỹ same panell so reformed, then he to forfaite for euery suche offence. xx. pounde sterlynge, halfe to him that wyll sue by Accyon of det, byll. or complaint, and no protectyon, Essoine, nor wager of lawe to be allowed, and the kinges pardon to be no barre in that Accion. Anno. 3. Hen. 8. Cap. 12.

¶ Item it is ordained that no person vsyng the crafte of a Pewterer, or Brasyer, shall sell or chaunge Pewter or Brasse, newe or olde, at any place but only in open faires or markettes, or in their owne dwellinge howse, but if they be desyred by the byers of suche wares, vpon payne of forfaitinge ten pounde for euery default. And yt no person caste or worke any pewter vessell, or brasse at any place, but that it be as good ỹ fyne metall as the pewter and brasse, caste ỹ wrought in London, and by the statutes of the same owe to be, vpon payne to forfaite all suche pewter, ỹ brasse, so cast and wrought, halfe therof to thuse of the fynders. This Acte ne forfaite shall not extende to no brasse ne pewter, beinge in the possessyon of any person, other then the workers of them, or suche as haue the same to sell beinge of that crafte, or mistery. Also that no person make no hole wares of pewter, as salers, potts called laye metal, but that it be after the assyse of pewter, and lay metall wrought in London, and to marke the same with their seuerall marches of their owne, vnto the entente that their marches

shall auowe the same wares. And suche wares nat sufficiently made and wrought, & nat marked/founde in the possessyon of the maker, or seller be forfaite/and yf the ware be solde, the maker to forfaite the value / halfe to the vse of the finders, and serchers thereof. And yf any person clynge, clenge, and sellinge of pewter, or brasse, vse any false or discrepuable beames/or weightes then euerie suche parson to forfayte twenty shillinges/and the halfe to him that wyll sue therefore/by Accyon of dette/ and no Essoyne, wager of lawe, nor protteccion to be alloweb, and to forfaite his beame to him that shall seaze it / & theyr heed offycers, to put them in the stockes tyll the nexte markette daye. And then to sette them on the Pyllory at y^e^ market tyme. And mayesters & Wardeins of the crafte in Cities, & Boroughes and where there be none suche/ then the heed officers there/to appointe certaine parsons expert in the crafte to make serche within the Citeys, and Boroughes where they dwell. And the Justicers of the peace at the Sessyons at Wyghelmas, shall assygne certayne parsons hauinge experience theare in, to make serche in euerye parte of the shyre, aswell within the fraunchyses, as without, wheare serchers be nat appointed. And halfe of all vnlawfull pewter and brasse that the sayde serchers shall fynde, shall be to the serchers And in defaulte of their Mayesters, and Wardeins nat serchyng in forme beforesayde: it shall be lawfull to any parson hauing sufficyent cunninge, and knowledge in the occupacyon by the ouersyght of the Maiors, Baylliffes, or heed officers to serche all the places. And in London the

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Maioz, and Maysters, and Wardens of the oc-
cupacyon / and crafte to haue the serche theare,
and in other places the Maiozs, Bayliffes, oz o-
ther hedde officers / and Wardeins to haue the
serche, where wardeins be. And where no War-
dens be, then the hedde officers, oz Gouernours
of the Townes to appoynte certaine parsons to
make serche. And yf defaulte be founden in any
suche newe wares bringe in possession of the sel-
ler, to forfaite the same. Anno quarto. Henrici
octaui. Capitulo septimo.

¶ It is ordayned that the Statutes of Wyn-
chester for archerye be put in due execucyon. And
euerie man being the kynges subiecte, nat lame,
nor hauinge any lawefull impedymente beynge
within the age of forty yeris (excepte spirytuall
men, Justices, and Barons of the Escheker) shal
vse shotynge in longe bowes / and also to haue
a bowe & arrowes redy continually in his house.
And also the fathers and Rulers of suche as be
of tender ags / to teache and bryng them vp in
knowledge of shottinge / and euerie man hauinge
a house, shall prouyde for euerye man childe of
eyght yeres / and aboue to the age of fyftene ye-
res and aboue / two shaftes / and shall delyuer the
same to the ponge men to occuppe. And yf the
same ponge men be seruauntes / then their Mai-
sters shall abate theie money that they paye for
the bowes and shaftes of their wages. And after
yf they cume to seuentene yeres / then the same
ponge men shall prouyde for euerye of them one
bowe and foure arrowes at theie owne costys.
And the Justyces of Assyse, & Gayle deliuerye,
Justicers of the peace / and Stewardes in hys

Leates/ and Fraunchise shall enquearr in theyr
Wessyons and lawdaies of the prcmysses/ & here
and determyne the same. And also by their dyl-
crecion examine all persons lackinge bowe and
arrowys in fourme before sayde. And he that is
foūde defectyue by suche examinacyon or enque-
rye lacking/and nat hauing bowes and arrow-
redy by the space of one moneth, shal forfayt. xii.
pens for euery suche defaulte. The forfayt in the
fraunchises to be to the Lorde therof, & in other
places to the kyng And that all Statutes made
againste them that vse vnlawfull games be due-
lye put in execucyon, and ponishmente aswell as
gaynste the Occuppers of the same, as agaynste
them that be kepars of howses or places where
any suche vnlawfull games bene vsed. And that
the Justicers of peace, Maiors, Bailiffes, Shy-
riffes, Constables, and all other hedde officers/
and euery of them fynding or knowing any per-
son vsinge any vnlawfull games haue auctorite
to commit euery suche offendour to warde there
to remaine without bayle or mainprise, tyll he be
bounde by obligacyon to the kyng's vse, in suche
Sume as by discrecyō of the Justic's or other of-
fycers shall be thought reasonable, that he from
thensforth shall nat vse any vnlawfull games.
And that euery bowyer make for euery bowe of
ewe that he maketh to sell at the lest two bowes
of elme or other wode/and yf they or any of them
refuse so to do, then yf it be founden before the
Justicers of the peace, Maiors, or Bailiffes, by
presentemente, or examinacyon, the same Justy-
cers, Mayors, or Baylifes, haue power to com-
mit them to warde by eyghe days without bayle

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or mayntayne by their discrecyon, or more. And that buttes be made as hathe bene accustomed / and their Inhabytauntes to make them, and continue them / and to exercise them selues with longe bowes at the same / and that two Justyces of the pas haue auctorite to appoint bowyers in two or thre, or moo places in the Shire, Citie, or Borough, and theare to inhabyte, and to make longe bowes of eline, and other woode / and to compell as many bowyers, as they shall thinke necessary to inhabyte in suche places / and so as ofte as the case shal requyre. And all bowe staues to be solde open and nat in bundels, nor close that shalbe brought out of other Realmes into this Realme. No straunger nat being denizyn shall nat conuey out of the kings obeysaunce any longe bowes, arrowes, or shaftes, without pe kynges lycence / vpon paine of imprisonment & put bail, or mainprise, & forfait of the same where euer they be taken within the kinges power / & to remaine in warde tyll they haue made a reasonable fyne before the Justicers of peace in the Sessyons / in the countie where he is commytted to warde / & no straunger not being denizin / shal vse to shote in longe bowes, without the kynges lycence / vpon pain of forfaityng of the bowes and arrowes / & euerie man to sease the same bowes & arrowes to their owne vse. Anno sexto. Henrici octaui. Capitulo secundo.

¶ It is ordayned that no Bailiffe of husbandrie shall take for his wages by yere aboue syxe and twenty shillynges and eyght pens / and .v. li. for hys clothynge / no chyefe Hynde, nor chyefe Shepherde aboue .xx. shillinges / & for clothynge

fyue shillinges / no comen seruaunte aboue fyf-
tene shillinges and eyght pens/and for clothyng
foure shillinges, no woman seruaunt aboue ten
shillinges/and for clothinge foure shillinges, no
chylde wichin the age of fourtene yeres / aboue
fyxe shillinges and eyght pens by the yere / and
his clothinge. iiii. shillinges with meate & drinke
And all these seruauntes, and euerie fre Mason
mayster Carpenter, roughe Mason, Bricke lay-
er, mayster Tyler, Plummer, Glasyer, Caruer,
and Joyner, from Easter to Wighelmas / take
fyxe pens by the day without meate and drynke
and foure pens with meate and drinke/and from
Wichelmas to Easter fyue pens without meate
and drinke/and with mete and drinke thre pens
And a mayster shyppe Carpenter / takynge the
charge of the worke / haunynge men vnder hym
from Candelmas to Wighelmas/ fyue pens by
the daye with meate and drinke seuen pens/and
a shippe Carpenter called a hewer / foure pens
by the daye with meate and drinke/and without
meate and drinke fyxe pens/and all Clingers. iii.
pens with meat, and drynke/and without meate
and drynke fyue pens / one hewer by the daye. ii.
pẽs with meate and drinke/and without meate
and drinke foure pens / one mayster Calker / by
the daye foure pens with meate and drinke, and
withoute meate and drynke fyxe pens/ an other
meyne of Calkers, by the daye thre pens / with
meate and drinke/and without meate and drinke
b. pens. ¶ Calker laboring by the tyde/ as longe
as he mave labour aboue the watre and beneth
the water / for euery tyde shall nat excede foure
pens with meate and drinke/and from the feaste

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of Sainte Wychell to Candelmas, the Wayster Shypwryght shall haue four pens with meate and drinke and without meate and drynke syxe pens / and the hewer thre pens with meate and drinke/and without meate and drynke fyue pens / an able Clyncher by the daye two pens halfepeny / and without meate and drinke foure pens halfpeny an holder thre halfepens/and without mete and drinke thre pens/one mayster Calker foure pens and without meate and drynke, fyue pens / & other meine Calkers two pens halfepeny/& without meate and drinke foure pens halfepeny. And wheare it hathe bene vsed to gyue lesse wages, they shall giue lesse / and the taker of the wages theare/to be compelled to take as they haue bene vsed. And the mayster Mason/ & Mayster Carpenter shall haue twelue pens without meate and drynke/and ten pens with meate and drinke and euerie Artificer nat retayned in worke, be compelled to serue for suche wages/and that no Artificer nor other parson retained in seruyce to worke, departe nat tyll suche tyme as the worke be fynished/ yf the parson that so retayned hym, will so longe haue hym / and paye hym his wages/vpon payne of imprisonment of euerye parson departinge by the space of one moneth / and twenty shillinges for a Fyne/except he entre and be desyred to be in the kynges seruyce/ and there be in worke. Euerie other laborer/and Artificer, shall take from Easter vnto Wyghelmas euerie daye that he laboreth/excepte haruests four pens without meate and drynke/ and two pens with meate and drynke/and from Wichelmas to Easter thre pens/without meate and drynke / and

thre halfe pens with meate and drynke, and in harueste euerie mower foure pens with meate & drinke, and without meate and drinke fyue pens a reper, and easter euerie of them .iii. pens a day with meate and drinke/and without meate and drinke fyue pens. A woman labourer, & euerie other labourer .ii. d. ob. with meate & drynke/ and wt̄out meate and drynke .iiii d. & no Artificer, or labourer to take for halfe dayes /but for halfe dayes/and nothing for the holy dayes. And yf any of the persons aboue named nat retayned in worke, refuse to serue or worke/ then to be committed to warde, by the Constable or hedde officer within the Citie, Towne, wheare the partie so refusynge is, at the complaynte of hym that wyll receiue suche seruaunte, theare to remayne tyll that he haue founde suretie to serue accordyng to the Statute/and yf any Artificer, or labourer not retayned refuse to serue after yf rate or take greater wages, or take wages for holy dayes, wheare he worketh the halfe daye /then euerie of them to forfayt for euerie defaulte .xx. s. And they to be conuicted for euerie suche defaulte by presentmente before the Justicers of peace in their Sessyons, according to the comen lawe, or examinacion of the sayde Justicers in the same or by examinacion of two Justices of peace out of the Sessyons, in the shire where they be Justicers. And the forfayte of xx s. to be leuyed of their landes, goodes, and catals, to offendynge. And euerie Artificer, and labourer betwene the middes of Marche/and the middes of September to be at hys worke before fyue of the clocke in the morning/and to haue but one halfe houre

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foz his brekefast/ and an houre and an halfe foz his diner, at suche season as he hathe to sleape/ and when he shall nat sleape, to haue but one houre foz his dyner/ and halfe an houre foz hys none meate/ and that he departe nat from hys worke, tyll betwene syxe and eyght of the clocke at euen/ and their defaultes to be marked/ and at the wekes ende to be abated of their wages after the rate. And from the middes of September, to the middes of March, to be at their worke by the sprynge of the daye/ and nat departe tyll nyghte/ and that they slepe nat by daye/ but only from the middes of Maye vnto the middes of August. And yf any Artificer, oz labozer assaute oz assemble to hurt any person assygned to ouersee them, oz to controll them/ he to haue then imprisonmente by a yere, without baile oz mayneprise/ and to make fyne at the kynges wyll/ and the same assaute to be tried by examinacyon before the Justicers of the peace. Anno sexto. Henrici octaui. Capitulo tercio.

¶ Also it is ordayned foz all persons passynge the ryuers of Thames oz Medwaye by barge oz wherrybote/ that if any person require yᵉ owners oz occupiers of yᵉ barge oz whirrybote, at any of the ferryes to passe with them, offeryng them money after the rate as is limytted in the Statute, oz requiryth water men to go with them in their barges, after syxe pens the daye, excepte it be to Woztelake, oz to Grenewiche/ and then to haue eighte pens a daye/ and the same owners oz occuppers, Water men, oz Bargemen do refuse to passe foz the wages lymytted by thys Statute, then he oz they that so refuseth it, foz to

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forfait the feeble value of the same fars, or wages / halfe to the kynge / and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue by Accyon of dette, Informacyon, or Presentemente / and no wager of lawe, Essoyne / nor protteccyon to be alowed. And that Bailiffes, Constables / and other the kynges officers / and euery of them nexte adioynyng where the sayde ferryers be exercysed, vpon complaints to them made / by any parson findinge them greued / shall arreste the offendours / and commytte them to warde for their mysdemeanour / and to make Fyne for the same. And the Justices of the peace in euerie shire (where the sayde ferryers be exercised) the Maior, and Shireffes in London, and Stewardes in Leates / haue auctorite to enqueare at Sessyons, and Letes of the defaultes of the owners of suche barges, or botes, whyrries water men / and bargemen, as of the defaultes of the saide offycers, for lacke of ponishmente of suche offendours. Anno sexto. Henrici octaui Capitulo septimo.

¶ Also in the seuenth yere of kynge Henry the eyght in the fyfte Chappter is reherced the Acte made for labourers, and Artificers, in the fyrste yere of the same kynge / worde for worde. And theare also is establysshed and enacted lykewyse as is before.

¶ It is ordayned that no person trace, distroy, nor kyll no hare in the Snowe with dog, bitche, or otherwise. And the Justicers of the peace in euerie Sessyons / and Stewardes in their Leates, haue auctorite to enquere of the offendours. And for euery hare so kylled shall assesse vpon euerye suche offendour fyue shillinges and eyght pens,

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to be forfaite to the kinge that shall be so founde by the Justices of the peace in their Sessyons, & the forfayte founde in the Lete to be to the Lete Anno decimo quinto. Henrici octaui. Capi. 10.

¶ It is ordayned that yf any parson robbe, or take away any goodes, or catels from any mans parson, or otherwyse / & the same felon be therof attainted by reason of euydence gyuen by the partye, or owner of the sayde goodes, and catels or by other by their procurement / then aswell the Justicers of Gayle delyuere, as other Justyceres before whom any Felon is founde guilty/ or attainted by reason of the euydence, haue power to awarde wrytes of restytucyon for the sayde goodes and catelles / as yf they were attaynted at their suyte in appeall. Anno vicesimo primo. Henrici octaui. Capitulo vndecimo.

¶ It is ordayned that foure Justyceres of the peace in euerye Shire, Citye, and Borough, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue power to enquyre, heare, and determyne in the generall Sessyons of all maner of annoysaunces of brygges broken in the hyghe wayes / and to make processe, and payne vpon euerie presentemente against suche as owe to make, or amende them, as it shall seme by their discrecyon to be necessarie. And if it cannot be knowē who shulde make them, then in suche case yf they be out of Citie, or Towne corporate, they shalbe made by the inhabytauntes of the shire, or ridinge, within whiche the sayde bryge shalbe. And yf it be within Cytye, or Towne, corporate/ then by the Inhabitauntes of the Citye, or Towne. And yf one parte be in one Shire, or Citye, or Towne

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corporate, or Riddinge. And the other parte in an other shire, Riddinge, Citie, or Towne corporate: then the inhabitauntes of the shire, Riddinge, Citie, or Towne corporate, shall make and amende suche parte thereof as shall lye within the limittes of the Shire, Ridding, Citie, or Towne. And if it can not be knowē what persons, bodyes politike, or landes shulde be charged to make the saide bridges, then the .iiii. Justices of peas in the same shire, Citie, Towne or Borroughe (whereof one to be of the Quorum) shall haue power within the limyttes of their Commission to call before them the Constables of euerie Towne, and parisshe, aswell within liberties, as without / ouer is two of the moste honest Inhabytantes within euery suche Towne, or parishe, in the Shire, Ridding, Citie or Towne corporate by discrecion of the sayde Justicers / and vpon the apperaunce of the saide Constables / the Justicers of peace, or foure of them at the lesse (wherof one to be of the Quorum) with the assent of the saide Constables shal haue power to taxe, and set euerie Inhabitaunt in any Citie, Towne, or parisshe, within the limittes of their Commission, to suche reasonable Sume of money, as by their discrecion they shal thinke conuenient for ỹ rectifyeng and amendement of suche bridges. And after suche taxacion made the saide Justicers shall cause the names of euerie suche particuler person so taxed to be written in a rolle indentid / ỹ shal haue power to make two Collectours of euerie hundreth, for ỹ collection of the money so taxed whiche Collectours reseruings the one parte of the rolle so in-

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dentid/vnder the seal of the saide Justicees, shal haue power to distrayne euerie suche Inhabytauote that refuseth to paye, and to sell the dystresse/and retaine the money taxed, and the surplusage thereof to delyuer to the owners. And the Justicers of peace, oz foure of them (wherof one to be of the Quozum) haue power to appoynte two Surueyours, whiche shall se euerie suche bzidge repayzed, and amendyd from tyme to tyme/ as nede shall require, to whose handes the Collectours shall paye the money taxed, and by them receyued. And the Collectours, and Surueyours, and euerie of them / and the Executours, and administers of euerie of them, shal from time to tyme make a true accompte to the Justicers of the peas, oz to foure of them (wherof one to be of the Quozum) of the receyte and expence of the sayde money / and yf they refuse so to do/then the Justicers of the peace, oz foure of them (whearof one to be of the Quozum) shall make by their discrecyon agaynste the saide Collectours, and Surueyours/and euery of the and the Executours, & Admynysters of euery of them Attachement vnder their seales retournable at their generall Sessyons/& yf they appeare then to compell them to accompt/& yf any of the refuse, then to commit suche of them to warde there to remayn tyll accõpt be truely made. And wheare suche bridges dekay, and lye in one shire oz Riddynge / and the persons oz landes that be charged with the makyng therof, lye oz be in an other Shire, oz Ridding: then the Justicers of the Peace of the Shire, oz Towne, wheare suche Bzydges be, shall haue full power foz to

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enquearе, hearе, and determyne all suche annoy-
saunce/s to make prooes into euery shiee against
suche as owe to make, or amende any such bryd-
ges so presentid to be dekayed/and to do further
in euerye behalfe) as they myght do yf the same
parsons, or landes so charged/ were within the
same shire. And that all Shyriffes, and Bailiffes
of lyberties shall serue and execute all processes
to them directed that cometh to their handes/ vp-
pon payne to make suche fyne as shall be sette
vpon them by the discrecyon of the sayde Justy-
cers/and the same Justicers, or foure of them,
haue power to allowe reasonable costys/s char-
ges to the Surueyours, & Collectours by theyr
discrecyon. And it is ordayned that suche parte
of the hyghe wayes nexte adioyning to any ende
of any suche brydges dystaunte from any of the
sayde endes, by the space of thre hundrethe fote/
shalbe amended and repayred, as ofte as neade
shall require. And the Justycers of the peace, or
foure of them(whereof one to be of the Quo-
rum)within the lymittes of their Commyssyon,
shall haue auctorite to enquearе, hearе, and de-
termyne at the generall Sessyons / all maner of
anoysaunce of and in suche hyghe wayes, so next
adioyninge to any endes of brydges within this
Realme distaunte from the ende of suche brydge
thre hundrethe fote/ and to do all thinge concer-
nynge the amendemente of suche hyghe wayes,
in as large maner as they maye do to and for
the amendinge or makinge of the same brydges.
Anno vicesimo secundo. Henrici octaui Cap. 5.

¶ It is ordained that all and euery person and
parsons hereafter lawfully Indited, appealed,

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and attainted by the order of the lawe, for any wylfull murder of any persons by way of poysoninge, shalbe adiuged hyghe treason/and shall nat be admitted to his clergye, but shall immediatly haue execucion of deathe by boyling. And the Justicers of the peas in their Sessyons shal haue power aswel of suche traitourous, Wourdours, as of the counterfaytinge of coyne of any outwarde Realme, suffred to run, and go within this Realme by the kynges assente/ to make proces thereupon by Capias only. And the Justicers of assyse shall haue full power to here, and determyne in their Sessyons aswell the Treasons done by poisoninge, as by counterfaytinge of suche coyne. And the forfaite of landes to be to the Lordes of the fees thereof. Anno vicesimo secundo. Henrici octavi. Capitulo nono.

¶ It is ordayned againste people callinge themselues Egipcyans, that no suche persons be suffered to cume within thys Realme / and yf they do, they shall forfaite all their goodes and catell and to be commaunded to avoide within fiueten dayes/ vpon payne of imprisonment. And it shal be lefull to euerie Justicer of the peace, and Escheatour to seaze suche gooddes, as any of them shall haue / and to make accompte thereof in the Escheker. And yf any suche straunger be endited of any Felonie, or Wourdour / and pleade nat gilti: then the enquest shall be all of Egipcyans men. And yf the Justicers of peace, Shireffe, or Escheatour seaze any gooddes of any Egipcyans/ then to haue and retaine the moitie thereof to his owne vse/ and to accompt in the Escheker for the other moytye / and to paye no maner of

fees theare, for his accompte, or hys discharge theere, nor els wher. An. 22 Henrici. 8. Capi. 10.

¶ Where diuers cuyll disposed persons hathe broken vp diuers partes of a dyke called newe Powedike in Marchelande in the Countye of Northfolke / & the broken dyke called olde felde dyke in Marchelande, in the Yle of Ely, in the countie of Cambridge, by reason whereof the pastures in Marchelande hathe bene drowned. Therfore it is ordayned that euery suche malycious cuttynge downe / and brekinge vp of any parte, or parties of the sayde dykes, or of any other banke parcell of the rinde, and vttermoste of the saide countrey of Marchelande / made for the defence and saluacion of the countrey, be taken and adiudged Felonie. And the Justicers of peace in the counties of Northfolke, and Cambridge in their Sessyons haue power to enquere of the offendors / and to awarde lyke proces and execucyon vpon the same, as they haue vsed to do vpon Felonie. Anno vicesimo secundo. Henrici octaui. Capitulo vndecimo.

¶ It is ordained that the Justicers of peace of euerye shire Maiors, Shireffes, Bailiffes, and other officers of Cities, Boroughes, & Townes shall from tyme to tyme, by their discrecyon deuide them selues within their limitts / and make diligent enquere of all aged & impotente persons whiche of necessytie be compelled to lyue by almes. And thereupon within the limittes of their diuision, shall haue power to enable to begge, within suche limittes as they shall appoint such impotent persons, whiche they thinke conuenyent within the limittes of their diuision to lyue

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of almes/and to gyue in commaundiment vnto
suche aged and impotent persons, that none of
them shall beg without the limittes, so to them
appointed/ and shall wryte, & regester the names
of all suche persons by them appoynted in a roll
indentid, the one parte to remayne to them sel-
ues/and the other parte to be certifyed vnto the
Justices of peas, at the next Sessions after such
serche had theare, to remayne in the kepinge of
(Custos Rotulorum) And the Justicers of peace
Maiors, and other officers beforsaide, shal haue
power to make all seales, with the name of the
Hundreth Mapentache, Citeis, and plac{ with-
in whiche they shall appoint euerie suche person
to beg/ and commit the custody of such seales to
suche persons as they shall thinke conueniente/
and shall delyuer a letter to euerie suche person
enabled to beg contayning hys name / and wyt-
nessyng that he is enabled to begge within suche
limittes appoynted, the same letter to be sealyd
with the same seale, with the name of one of the
Justicers, or officers aboue sayde. And yf suche
impotente, or aged person beg in any other place
then the Justicers of peace, Maior, Bayliffes/
and all other officers, shall by their discrecyon
ponisshe all suche persons by imprisonment in the
Stockes by two daies and two nyghtes, giuing
them but only breade and water / and after that
cause them to be sworne to tourne againe to the
place where they be auctorised to beg in. And yf
any impotente person go about a begginge, ha-
uinge no suche letter vnder seale: then the Con-
stables, and all other inhabytauntes, within
the Towne, or Paryshe, wheare suche person

shall begge, shall cause them to be taken and brought vnto the nexte Justycer of the peace, or hyghe Constable of the Hundrethe. And thereupon the saide Justicers of peas, or highe Constable shall commaunde the sayde Constables, and inhabitauntis of the sayde Towne, or Parische whiche shall bringe the saide begger / that ehen they shal strippe hym naked from the myddell vpwarde / & cause hym to be whipped within the Towne wheare he was taken, or in some other place where the saide Justicers, or hyghe Constables shall appointe / or els to be set in the stockes, in the Towne, or parische where he was taken, by thre dayes, and thre nightes, theare to haue only breade, and water / and there vpon to limit hym a place to begge in / and gyue hym a letter vnder seale, and sweare hym to departe thither immediatly after his ponishment executid.

¶ And yf any person able to labour, be vagasant / and can gyue no reckening howe he getteth his liuinge: then it shall be lefull to euerie officer minyster, and subiecte of euerie Towne, parische, and hamlet, to arreste all suche idle persons / and to bringe them to the Justicers of peace, to the hyghe Constables of the Hundreth, or to the Maiors, or Bayliffes of the Townes corporate yf they be taken theare. And then the Justices of peace, or hygh Constables, Maiors, or Bailiffes by their discreeyon, shall cause such idle persons to be had to suche place, as they, or he to whom the person is so brought shall thinke conuenient theare to be tied at the ende of a Carte naked, and to be beaten with whyppes throughe the market, or Towne, tyll that his body be blodie.

And

And after suche ponisshemente the person shalbe inioined by the sayde Justices, Maiors, or Baylisses, before whom suche person shalbe brought upon his othe to retourne streight waye to the place wheare he was borne/or where he dweite before by the space of thre yeres/and shal haue a letter sealed with the seale of the Hundreth, Citye, or Towne, witnessynge that he hathe bene punished, and containing the daye and place of his ponisshemente/and the place wheare vnto he is limitted to go / and by what tyme he is limitted to go thither, within whiche tyme he maye begge by the waye shewing hys letter. And yf he do nat accomplishe the order to hym appoynted to be estsones taken & whyppped. And so as ofte as any defaulte shalbe founde in hym contrarie to the order in euerie place, to be taken, & whipped / and yf any person so whyppped, be an ydle person, and no comen begger / then after suche whippynge, he shall be set in the stockes tyll he haue founde surety to go to seruice, or to labour after the discrecion of the Justicers of the peas, Maiors, Bayliffs, or other officers, before whō he shall be brought/ yf the sayde Justicers of the peas, Maiors, or other officers so thinke conuenient/ and the partie able to fynde suche suretie or els to be sworne to repaire to the place where he was borne, or wheare he dwellid laste, by the space of thre yeres. And to haue lyke letters, order, and ponysshemente from tyme to tyme, tyll that he put his bodie to labour, or otherwise get his liuinge. And the Justicers of the peace within the limittes of their commissyon, haue auctoritie to enquearе of all Maiors, Baliffes. Con-

Tables/ and other offycers, & persons that shall be necligent in executyng of this Acte/ and if the Constable, and inhabitantes within any towne or Parishe be necligent/ & take nat euerie suche impotent begger, and ponische hym as is aboue limitted: then the Townechyppe, and Parysshe, shall forfaite for euerie suche begger that is so suffred to begge contrarie to this Statute, and nat taken, nor ponished accordinge to this Statute thre shillings and foure pens. And for euery stronge begger nat beinge taken, and ordered as is aboue limitted. vi.s. viii.d. The one halfe to the kynge, and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue, by byll or informacyon before the Justicers of peace in their generall Sessyons, or within any lyberte where default shall happen. And the Justicers of peace shall haue auctoritie to here, & determine euerie suche default, by presentment, or byll of informacyon/ & to make proces against the inhabitauntes of euerie Towne, or Parishe by distresse whearc any default shall be presented, or supposed by any informacyon, and theare by the Shiresse, or other offycer shall distrayne the goodes of one, or two of suche inhabitaunts as he may haue knowledge were moost negligent, and in default of execucyon of this Acte/ & retayne the distresse tyll they haue founde surety to appeare at the Sessyons limytted by the dystres. And yf it be tried against them by verdite or witnes: then the Justicers of peas shall assesse the fynes after the rates aboue limytted, and to make proces for leuienge of the same by distresse of the inhabytauntes, the Moitye of the Fyne that groweth by informacyon, to hym that sueth

eth the Informacyon / and yf it be by presentemente, then the Fyne to be to the kynge. And yf the partie distrained appeare nat at the day and place appointed, then he to lose forty pens / at the seconde daye dowble / and so to be doubled vpon euerie distresse, vntyll appearance maye be had by one of the inhabitantes of suche Towne or Parisshe, to trauerse, or confesse the presentement, or informacyon. Also Scolers of the vnyuersyteis goynge a beggynge, not hauynge the seale of the vniuersytie / and shyppemen goinge about without sufficyent auctorite witnessynge the same, shall be ponysshed as stronge beggers. And all proctours, and pardoners goinge about without sufficiente auctoritie / and all ydle persons vsyng vnlawfull games / and some of them fayning to haue knowledge in Phisyke, Physnomie, or Palmestrie, or other crafty scyens shal vpon examinacyon before two Justicers of the peace (whereof one to be of the Quorum) yf he be founde guyltie by prouable witnes of suche dyscreites, shall be ponished by whipping by two dayes to gyther. And yf he offende eftesones in lyke offence: then to be scourged two dayes, and the thirde daye to be put on the Pillory from .ix. tyll .xi. of the clocke before none / and to haue one of hys eares cut of / and yf he offende the thirde time to haue lyke ponyshemente, and the other eare cut of. And the Justycers of the peace in euerye Lybertye, and Fraunchyse where they be Justycers / haue lyke auctorite for the execucyon of thys Acte / as they hall haue without the sayde Lybertie.

¶ And that thys Acte shall yearely be redde

in open Sessyons. And yf any person gyue any herborowe, monye, or lodgynge to any begger stronge & able to worke, whiche order them selues contrarie to this Statute: then euerie suche person so doinge, beinge sufficiently proued, or presented before one Justycer of the peace shall make fyne as by discrecion of the same Justicers of the peace at their generall Sessyons shall be assessed. And if any person disturbe, or let the execucyon of this Acte, or make rescous againste any Maiors, Shiriffes, or other persons that endeuoureth themselfe for the due execucyon of this Acte: then euerye suche person shall forfayte an hundreth shillinges / and haue imprisonmente at the kynges will. The one halfe of the forfayture to Maiors, or Bayliffes, within any Citye, or Towne corporate/ and out of Citie, or Towne corporate /then the halfe of the forfaite vnto the Lorde of the Leate, wheare suche offence is done and the other halfe to the kynge, the recouerie of the same forfayte by Accion of dette, bill, informacyon, or plainte in any of the kynges courtes wheare no Essoygne, Protecyon, nor wager of lawe shalbe alloweb. Maiors, and Bailiffes, in the fyue portes haue lyke auctoryte to put this Acte in execucyon there, as Justicers of the peas haue/ and the Inhabitauntes in euerie Towne theare shall be bounden vnto the due execucyon of this layde Acte, yf persons impotent in the fyue portes begge out, to be punished accordyng to this Acte, the fourme of the letters to begge by, is this.

¶ Memorandum that A.B. of Dale, for reasonable consideracions is licensed to begge in the

hundreth

dwelleth of .P. R. and .L. in the sayde countye. Gyuen vnder the seale of that lymit(Tali die et anno) This letter to be delyuered to them that be whypped is thus. R. is whypped for a stronge begger at P. in the saide counte accordinge to the lawe the twelue day of July in the thirtene yere of kynge Henry the eight, was assygned to passe fourthe dyrectly from thens to . P . in the countie of Wyddelsex, wheare he sayeth that he was borne. or where he last dwelled by the space of thre yeres. And is limytted to be there within the space of. xiiii dayes nexte ensuing. or within suche nomber of dayes as to him is limytted by discrecion of the maker of the letter. In witnesse whereof the seale of the limit of the sayde place of his ponishemente here vnto is set. And the letter to be made at the costes of suche Justyces, Maiors, or other officers, within whose iurysdiction the sayde begger shall be whypped / and subscribed with the hande of the saide Justices or other officers in this fourme(Per me. A. B. vnum Justiciariorū pacis, or Maiorem, or Ballium, Ville, or Constabularium, talis Hundredi) or in lyke fourme in Englisshe. They yt haue custody of Gayles, shall haue lyke seales made with the name of the Pylon, or Castell whiche he kepeth. And yf any person be acquited / & hath no frendes to paye his fees, he shall haue libertie to beg by lycense of his kepar by the space of. vi. wekes nexte folowynge after his deliueraunce / and after that to be compelled to go to the hundreth wheare he was borne, or wheare he laste dwellyd by the space of thre yeres, within the tyme that to hym by one of the Justicers, Mayors

yes, or other officers where suche deliueraunce shall be hadde. And euerie person so deliuerid shall haue a letter made to him by the Clerke of the peas, yt he be deliuerid in the shire. And if he be deliuerid in a Towne corporate: then to haue a letter of the comē Clerke of yᵉ Citie, or towne corporate, witnessyng the daye and place of hys deliueraunce/ and afore whom/ and the tyme appointed to hym to begge for his fees, & the place to hym assygned to repaire in case he can get no mayster/ and to euerie suche letter the Gayloure of the prison shall put to his seale ymitted therfore. The fourme of the letter is thys. E. the. xv. daye of July. Anno regni regis Henrici. viii. vicesimo secundo. J. S. was deliuerid for Felony out of the Gayle of D. in the saide county, at the Sessyons holden afore J. B. and his felowes at S. the daye and yere aboue saide/ and is allowed to beg for his fees by the space of vi. wekes. And in case he can get no mayster within the saide time to worke with: then he is assygned to passe directly to D. in the countie of Kent, where he saieth he was borne, or laste dwelled by the space of thre yeres/ and he is allowed, 14. dayes nexte after the saide syxe wekes, for his passage thyther or suche nomber of dayes as to hym is ymitted, by discreecyon of the maker of the sayde letter. In wytnesse whereof the seale of the prison from whiche he was deliuerid, here vnto is set. And in suche Shires where there is no Gayle/ the Shireffe thereof for the tyme beynge, shall cause a seale to be grauen with the name of the Shyre/ and shall vse the same seale for suche persones deliuered after the same maner as the

Gayler

Gayler is lymitted to do by thys Acte.

¶ Clerkes of the peace/and Clerkes of Litels, and Townes corporate, shall make suche letters for euerie person so deliuered, without any fee takyng for the same/and shall deliuer the letter vnto the Gaylour, or keper of the Pryson. And in case there be no Gayle theare/ then the Shyreffe of the Shire where any suche deliuerance shalbe made, shall nat suffer any suche prisoner to begge for hys fees, vnlesse the Gaylour, or Shireffe fyrste deliuer vnto the sayde person so acquyted the saide letter, sealed with yᵉ seale of the sayde prison, or with yᵉ seale engrauid with the name of the Shireffe, yf there be no prison in the Shire/ vpon paine to lose vnto the kyng twelue pens for euery defaulte. And yf persons delyuered, begge contrarye to the tenour of the letter: then to be orderid, and whipped in euerye behalfe as stronge beggers, by such as are limitted to do the same/s in suche wise and vpon such payn as is ymptted, for non execucion of strōge beggers. Yt is lefull for euerie man for to gyue almes at obytes, and burialles, and make doles as hathe bene accustomed vnto euerie maner of persons without penaltie of this Statute. And Maysters, and Gouernours, of Hospitalles to gyue almes accordinge vnto their foundacyon / thys Acte to endure for euer. Anno vicesimo secundo. Henrici octaui. Capitulo duodecimo.

¶ Yf any person take the Churche, or any other holy place for Mourdour, or Felonye, the same person shall abiure vnto any Sayntuarye within any parte of thys Realme (whiche he wyll eleate) theare to remayne as a Sayntuarye

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man abiured duringe hys lyfe. And yf he cume out without pardon, or lycence, then to suffer in lyke case as he had bene abiured thys Realme, and yf any suche saintuarie person abiured, or any other person that is or shall happen to be in saintuarie for Murdour, or Felonie, and so beinge in saintuarie, and after commit, or do any Murdour, petty Treason, or Felonie, within the same, or be accessorie vnto any suche offence, and after cume agayne to the same saintuarie, or to any other saintuarie, for the same, euerie suche person beinge endyted for any of the causes, or offences, shall lose the priuyledge of the same saintuarye, & euerie other saintuarie within thys Realme. And it shall be lefull to all and synguler Justicers of peace, and the highe Shiriffe of the countie, where any saintuarie is, and to all Maiors, of Cities, and Towns corporate wheare suche saintuarie is, and to all their seruauntes, and ministers in their presence to take out of the same saintuarie, all suche persons for offendinge, and beinge indited of the same, and to commit them to the Gayle within the Shyre or libertie where any suche Inditement is founden tyll that they be conuicted, Attainted, or discharged of the same And if any person hereafter arrained, vpon any Inditement, alledge that he was taken out of saintuarie: then euerie person for the kynge shall be admitted there to alledge that he so arrayned dyd take Sentuarye for the same offence that he is arrained vpon, or vpon abiuracion made to the same saintuarie, for Felonie whereof he is arrained, or that he went out of saintuarie, & committed the same offence

and

and hadde pzyuiledge/ and after dyd commit the offence wherof he is endited, and arrayned/and pzay that he maye be excluded from his saintuarie, whiche issue shall be tried fourthwith before the same Justicers, before whome the same person is arrained/and by the same Jurrours of ye same countie that shall trie the Felonie in what so euer countie, oz counteis, place, oz places, the same taking of saintuarie shalbe alledged to be done / and yf the same plee be tried against hym by verdit, oz by his confessyon, and founde guylty of the Felonie by his confessyon, oz by ozder of the lawe / then Judgemente and execucyon shalbe done, as thoughe he were no sayntuarye man. And yf he be acquited of the Felonie, oz offence, then he shall be restozyd to the same saynctuarie out of whiche he was taken. Yf any person abidinge in saintuarie, as a saintuarie man, be indited of any Felonie, by him oz hyz committed goinge out of the same, oz of any other saintuarie, while that he oz she were a saintuary person they shall nat be taken out of the saintuarie before he oz she be examyned ey two of the kyngs councell, oz by foure Justicers of the peace of the same shire where the same saintuarie is / and yf the person being Indited within. iiii. dates after the examinacyon, do make pzoue as the examyners shall thynke sufficyent, that the same person was in saintuarie at the tyme of the same Felonie committed / then he oz she to remaine in the same saintuarie without extraccyon from ye same. Yf any person that was in saintuarie foz Felonie, optaine the kynges pardon, oz otherwise be pourged / and be at large therfoze, and

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afterwarde do commit any other Felony, or pe
ty Treason, or Wourdour, by chaunce medley
and not of malyce pourpensed / and thereupon
take Sayntuarie agayne, the same person shall
enioye the priuyledge of saintuarie agayn. Also
all manner of foren pleas pleded by Felons, tria
ble by the countrey shall be forthwith tryed by
the same Justices, before whom suche person is
arrained / and by the same Iurrours that shall
trye the same Felonie, or pety Treason, in what
so euer countie or place the matter of the same
pleas be supposed. And that no person for any
pety Treason, Wourdour, or Felony, be admit
ted to any peremptory challenge aboue y^e nom
ber of .xii. Thys Acte to endure for euer / euerye
person takinge saintuary for offences of hygher
nature then pety Treason, Wourdour, or Felo
ny shall haue priuiledge of saintuarie, in as free
maner as they shulde haue before the making of
thys Acte. An. 22. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 14.

¶ No person hereafter founde guiltie after the
lawes of thys lande, for pety Treason, wilfull
Wourdour of malyce prepensed, robbyng of any
churches, chapell, or any other holy place, or for
robbinge of any person in their dwellinge hou
ses, the dweller in the same, his wyfe, children, or
seruauntes, then beinge within / and put in fere
by the same, or for robbinge of any person in, or
nere the hygh waye, or for wilfull brennynge of
any dwellyng house, or barne wherin any grain
of corne shall happen to be, nor any person for
guiltie of any abbettement, procurement, hel
ping maintening, or consenting of or to any such
Wourdours, or Felonies, shall nat be admitted

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to his clergy, but suffer death, suche as be within holy ordres of Subdeacon, and aboue, onely except. And euerie suche person within suche ordres of Subdeacon, or aboue admitted vnto his clergie/ and delyuerid to the Ordinarie / for the same shall nat make his purgacyon, but remain in prison duringe his lyfe, except only he do finde two suffycient sureties by recognisaunce before two Justicers of peas of the same Shire where he was conuicted (wherof one to be of the Quorum) that he shall be of good aberinge againste the kinge, his lawes, and subiectes/ euerie suche person to be bounden in .xl.li. / and euerye suretie in twenty pounde/ and euerie suretie to haue charter landes of inheritaunce ouer all charges of fyre and twenty shillinges and eight pens, or els twenty pounde in goodes at the tyme of the recognysaunce. And the Justicers of peace shall certifye the same recognysaunce within foure monethes nexte after in to the Kynges benche/ vpon payne to forfayte an hundrethe shillynges for euerie defaulte Clerke, Attaint, or by confessyon shall make no purgacyon, the Ordinarye maye disgrade any suche conuicte of the offences aboue laide/ and sende hym into the kings bench with certifycat thereof vnder his seal testifyeng the laide disgrademente, vpon whiche the Justicers of the kinges benche hauinge the recorde/ shall gyue iugemente of deathe againste the prisoner so disgraded/ as yf he had nat be any clerke This Acte to continue vnto the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente. Anno vicesimo tercio. Henrici octaui. Capitulo primo.

¶ Be it also enacted that no Beer brewer / nor

nor Ale brewer put to sell in any other barrells, kilderkins, sirkins, or other vesselles of wode or ther then shalbe marked by Artificers of Coopers whereof euerie barell of beere shall containe syxe and thirty galons, euerie halfe barell or kilderkin eight and twenty galons, and euery syrkin nyne galons/ and euerie barell of ale two and thirty galons, euerie kilderkyn syxteene galons/and euerie syrkin eyght galons of full measure, and nat vnder that/and euerie beere brewer, and ale brewer shall nat take ouer and aboue for euerie suche Barell, Kilderkin, and Firkin, but suche price as shall be thought conuenyente by discrecyon of the Justicers of peace within the shire where suche bere, and ale brewers dwelleth without any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate. And in euerie Citie, Borough, and Towne where there be Maiors, Shiresses, or other heed officers, the rates and prises to be cessed by them and euerie of them by their discrecion. And that the ale brewers, nor bere brewers, shall nat sell their ale, nor bere at any higher price, then shall be to them assygned/ vpon pain to forfayte for euerie barell put to sale syxe shillynges and eyght pens/for euerie halfe barell, thre shillynges and foure pens/and for euerie firkyn two shillinges, and for euerye vessell containinge greater nomber of galons ten shillinges/ and for euerie vessell containinge lesse nomber twelue pens, halfe to the kyng/and the other halfe to hym that will sue by Accion of dette, bylle, plaint, or informacyon, in whiche no wager of lawe, Essoigne, Protection, nor priuilege to be admitted. Anno vicesimo tercio. Henrici octaui. Capitulo quarto.

If

¶ It is enacted that no person shall discharge, and laye on londe any wynes of Gascoyne, or Spon, or trenthe wynes out of any shyp, or bote [illegible] Englonde, Yzelonde, Wales, or the Marches of the same, betwene the feaste of Saynte [illegible]ell, and the Purificacion/ vpon paine of forfaytinge of the saide wines, halfe to the kynge/ and the other halfe to suche as shall seaze the same, or sue for the same by Accion of det, or dettinue, by original writ, bill, plainte, or informacyon/ in whiche no Essoyne, Protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed/ and no person shall sell by retayle any of the sayde wynes aboue eyght pens the galon, that is a peny the pynt, two pens the quarte, iiii. pens the potell/ and eyght pens the galon/ vpon paine of forfaytinge for euerie pynte so solde aboue the price foure pens, and euery quarte eight pens/ and euerie potell twelue pens/ and euerie galon two shillinges. And no Malmeseis, Rumneis, Hackes, nor other sweete wynes shalbe retayled aboue twelue pens the galon, syx pens the potell, three pens the quarte, and three halfe pens the pynte/ vpon payne of forfaytinge for euerye galon three shillinges and foure pens, for euerye potell twenty pens. euerie quarte twelue pens, and for euerie pynte syx pens solde to the contrarye. The lorde Chancelor, Treasorer, Lorde Presydent of the councell, Lorde of the preuy seale/ and the two chiefe Justices, syne, foure, or three of them to set the prices of all kyndes of wynes that is to say, of the price of the But, Tun, Hoggeshede, Punchion, Tierce, Barell, or Kundele to be solde in grosse, so that open proclamacyon

therof be made in the Chauncery in the terme t
me, or els in ỳ Cytie, Borough, or Towne whe
such wynes shalbe solde in grosse. And yf any
son after such prices set, and put in wrytynge
and proclamacyon therof had, as is above said
do sell in grosse any wynes by fraude or coyn
contrarye to the prices so set, and proclaymed
then euery offendour shall lose for euerye vessel
solde in grosse contrary to the sayde prices. xl.s
halfe to the kynge, and the other halfe in Cyties,
Boroughes, and Townes corporate to be to the
Wayres, Shyrefes, Baylyffes, or other hede of-
ficers of suche Cytyes, Boroughes, and Town
corporate. And yf it be without Cytie / Borough
or Towne corporate: then to be to suche subiect
as wyll sue for the same by wryt of det / byll, pla-
ynt or informacyon, in which no wager of lawe,
protteccion, nor essoyne to be allowed, and that ỳ
Justices of peace in euery Shyre within the ly-
mytes of theyr Commyssyon, and Wayres, Bay-
lyffes, and other hede officers in Cyties. Boro-
ghes, and Townes corporate, in theyr lymytes
shall haue power to examyne, here, enquere, and
determine the defautes of suche that shal attẽpt
to sell any wines in grosse. or by retayle contrary
to this acte, and to punishe the offendours by im
prisonment, or otherwyse by theyr discrecyon.
This acte to endure to the laste daye of the nexte
Parlyament. Anno vicesimo tercio Henrici oc-
tauj Capitulo septimo.

¶ It is enacted that no persone shall worke or
cause to be wrought in any maner of Tynne wor
kes called streme workes i Deuon, or Cornewayll,
ny ghe to any freshe ryuer, or lowe place discen-

dynge

sige to the hauens or portes of plymmorth, Dart mouth, Tynemouthe in the countie of Devon, Falmouth, and Foway in the counteye of Cornewayll, nor shall digge, or washe any Tynne in any of the sayde worckes called Stremeworkes vnlesse the dygger washer, or owner shall make or cause to be made sufficient hatches, and tyes in the ends of theyr budgeiles and cordes, therin laye the stones, and grauell dygged aboute the ferchynge, fyndynge and washynge of the sayde Tynne there to be surely kepte from the freshe ryuers, vppon payne to forfayte for euery tyme that any owner or Tinner shall digge, or washe or cause to be digged or washed any Tynne contrarye to this acte. x. li. halfe to the kynge, & halfe to the inhabitauntes of the sayde Portes, Townes, or hauens that wyll sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes/by wrytt original/byll, plaint, or informacyon/ or otherwyse, in whiche no wager of lawe, protection nor essoyne shalbe allowed. And if any person happen to be accused/ sued, endicted/imprisoned, or amerced, or condemned, or otherwyse vexed/in his person landes, tinnes, goodes, or catels/ by any minister in the courte of Stannerye/ or by any other person for suyng or attemptynge any suyt accordynge to this statute, that then all suche suytes, contempnacyons syres, amerciamentes, inditementes, and euerye other acte to be doone in anye of the sayde Courtes of the Stannerye, or elles where by any persone agaynste any persone or persons for attemptynge any accyon or suyte by vertue of this statute, shalbe voyde/ & the party so vexed

realme, but onely in open markettes, or fayres the one halfe of the forfayture to the kinge, and the other halfe within the cytie or to suche of the kynges subiectes, that shall syse sue therfore, and if the forfayte happen to be out of the Citye and thre myles compasse therof: then the moyte to be to the kynge, & the other moyte to the Maires, Shirifes, and Bayliffes of Cyties, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, and lordes of Leetes within whose turisdiccyon suche happen to be recouered, by accyon of dette byll, playnt, or information in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche no wager of lawe, protteccion, nor essoyne to be allowed. And for lacke of so doing: then it shal be lawfull to any of the kynges subiectes to haue power in suynge therfore. And be it enacted that euerye person takynge vppon him the seruice marknge, or sealynge of any suche tanned lether, whiche doth put or set any marke, seale, or pynt, vppon any hide or pece of lether, not sufficyently tanned shall forfayte thre shyllinges, and iiii. d for euery hyde or pece of lether, halfe to the kynge / and the other halfe to suche as wyll sue by wrytte original/byll playnt, or informacyon, in whiche no wager of lawe, essoyne, nor protteccyon to be allowed. And where by the statute made the thyrde yere of Kynge Henry the eyght, it is ordeyned that the wardens and felowshyppe of the Crafte of Coziers in London, and theyre successours, or theyr sufficient deputies shulde haue serche of tanned Lether in London / & the suburbes therof, and in other places nexte adioynynge as Saynt Katherins, and Westminster. Yet in other Cyties, and places there be no srechers

appoynted

appoynted. Therfore it is enacted that all Mayo-
ers, Baylyffes, Shyrefes, and other cheife go-
uernours of Cytes, Boroughes and Townes cor-
porate, and lordes of fayres, and marketes with
in theyr iurisdiction, shall haue power to name
and appoynt two of the craste of Lordwayners,
or Loriers, or one of the one, and an other of the
other craste to vewe, and serche all tanned lether
brought to any marketes or fayres. And where
none of the sayde two crastes be: then it shall be
lawfull to the lordes/Mayres, or other officers
to appoynt suche other of the kyng' subiectes as
be moste expert in knowledge of tanned lethes,
and suche as they shall fynde sufficient to put a
marke or prynt vnto. And no person shal put any
tanned lether to sale in any fayre or market be-
fore it be vewed serched, and marked, vppon pa-
yne to forfayte for euery hyde put to sale. xx. d. ye
moyte of all forfaytes gyuen by this statute, and
of al other forfaytes gyuē by any statute, for and
concernynge tanned lether to be to the kyng, and
the other moyte to the Mayres, Baylyffes, and
other hede officers of Cytyes. Boroughes, and
Townes corporate, and to the lordes of fayres,
and marketes within theyr iurisdyccyon to su-
che of theym that shall sease, or sue for the same
yf they take theyr suite within syxe monethes next
after suche forfayte, and yf nat, then to theym
that wyll sue for the same by accyon of dete
, so that they sue within halfe a Yere next
after the sayde syxe monethes, in whiche ac-
cyon no wager of lawe, essoyne, nor protec-
cyon to be allowed.

¶ ALSO IT Is ordayned that euery

Lorier

euerie Cozier shall sufficyently cozye, and blac
his leather tanned without fraude, oz desceyt
vpon payne to forfaite foz euerye hyde and pe
of leather vnsufficyently cozyed, thze shillings
and foure pens, halfe thereof to the kynge / an
the other halfe to suche as shal fynde the defau
by Accyon of det, byll, plainte, oz informacyon
in any of the kinges courtes, in which no wage
of lawe, Essoine, pziuiledge, noz pzotteccyon to b
allowed. And the Justyceers of peace in euery
shire, Citie, and Towne cozporate, within th
lymittes of their commissyon, shall haue auctoz
te to enquere, heare, and determyne the offentes
alwell by informacyon, as by pzesentmente/ an
to make ipke pzoces, as vpon Indyctementes o
Terspas. And the Serchers shall take foz euerye
ten peris of tanned leather, so by him oz them
serched a peny, and no moze/ and that euerie ser
cher vpon lawfull requeste to hym made by any
person hauing tanned leather in market, oz fay
er to be solde, shall put their pzinte, marke, oz seal
to euerie suche pece of lether sufficiently tanned
without deuiall/ vpon paine to forfaite foz eue
rie defaulte thze shillynges and foure pens, the
Moitye to the kynge / and the other Moitye to
the partie greuid, that wyll sue foz the same, by
byll, plainte, oz informacyon, in any competente
courte of recozde, in whiche no wager of lawe,
Essoyne, noz pzotteccyon to be allowed. Anno vi
cesimo quarto. Henrici octaui. Capitulo pzimo.

¶ It is enacted that euerie person that shall sell
any Weike, Woze, Mutton, oz Veale, shall sell
the same by wheight of habe depoys, and none
otherwise, and to be cut in peces accozdinge to

the

the requeste of the byer / and the seller to haue sufficient weightes sealed, called haberdepois And yt no person take for any pounde wepght of Beefe, or Porke aboue ꝑ price one halfeny, nor for Wurted or Weale aboue the price of one halfe peny, and halfe ferthinge / vpon paine to forfayt for euerie pounde nat solde by wheight, or aboue the price limitted / and for euery defaulte contrarie to to the meaninge of this Acte, thre shillings and foure pens, halfe to the kynge / and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue, by byll, plaint, or informacion, in whiche no Essoyne, ꝑager of law nor ꝑtorcyon to be allowed, Yeades, neckes, inwardes, purtenaunces, legges, nor fete, shall nat be accõpted for no parte of the carkas, but solde of a lower price. And Justicers of Assyse / Justycers of peace, or two of them at the leaste / and at Maiors, Bailyffes, and other hedde officers of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporat / and all other persons hauinge auctorite before thys Acte, to set price of fleshe, euerie of them within their lymittes, shall haue power to set a lower price of suche fleshe as is remembred / and to enquere of suche offendours, and to awarde lyke proces, and to set suche Fynes, as they maye do vpon Inditementes of Trespas, where the rare sales of Beefes, Muttons, and Porkes, be solde better chepe then thys Acte, shall not extende to suche countie and place, but that they shall and maye sell at lyke prices / and after suche rate as they haue vsed before thys Acte / vpon payne as is aforesaide, any thynge to the contrarie notwithstandinge. Anno. 24. Hen. 8. Capi. 3.

It is enacted that all maner of personnes ha-

synge in theyre occupacyon. lx. acres of era
lande, and pasture apte for tyllage, shall yer
at theyr owne costes tyll and sowe at seasonab
tyme one rode, that is the. iiii. part of an acre
lande with lynesede, or hempe sede, or with bot
in one place, or in seuerall places, vpon payne
forfayte for euerye. xl. acres thre shyllynges. iiii
and that all Justices of peace, Mayres, Bay
lyffes, and Shiryffes, in Cyties, Boroughes
And Townes corporate, in theyr Sessions, or
ther courtes within theyr lymittes, shall enque
of the offendours of this acte, aswel by the oth
of twelue men, as by informacyon by theyr ov
ceeyon. And yf any person be presented befo
them, or any informacyon gyuen to them of an
offendours: then they shall haue power vpon
the presentment, or informacyon to make proce
as vppon inditment of Trespas. And yf any
presented, and after conuicte by confession, or o
therwyse: then to forfayte as is abouesayde
shule of the kinge, yf the offence be out of Citye
or Townes corporate, and within Cyties, an
Townes corporate, then the fynes to shule of y
Mayres, Baylyffes, or Shiresses of the said
Cytie, Boroughe or Towne corporate. And if a
ny be conuicte by confession, or otherwyse by ex
amination, vppon any informacion made by the
party, then the one halfe of the forfaut to be to th
kynge, and the other halfe to hym that made the
informacyon. And for the leuyenge of euerye fu
the forfaytes aswell the Justices of peace, as
Mayres, Shyreffes, and Baylyffes, within
the limittes of theyre commyssyon shall haue full
power to make proces, as they shall thynke

by theyre

by theyr discrecyon, the informacyon to be exhibyt within one yere nexte after the offence, nor any informacyon, or presentment for the kynge be of any effecte, except it be exhibyt within .ii. yeres nexte after the offence, Parkes for dere that be or shalbe, and woodes, lowe groundes for medowes, fennes, salte marshes, hethe groundes, comens and suche lyke be excepte out of this statute, nor landes whyche hane nat be put in tyllage this fyfty yeres shall not be accompted within this statute, nor shall nat be extended nor taken for landes, as shalbe tylled or broken for two or thre yeres togyther in .x. or twelue yeres for clensynge of mosse, bushes, molhylles, or other lyke cyynges, or for plote of aptenes of the grounde to dere corne so that in those yeres that they be so ployed that the same order be kepte in sowynge of Flax, and Hempe as is aforesayde. This acte to contynue to the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamens. Anno vicesimo quarto. Henrici octaui Capitulo septimo.

¶ Wherby a statute made in the .xxiii. yere of kynge Henry the eyght. It is enacted that the Lorde Chauncelier, lorde Presydent Lorde pryue seale, and Lorde Treasorer, and the two chefe Justices or fyue, foure, or thre of theym shulde by theyr discrecyon sette the prices of all kyndes of wynes, that is for the But, Tune, Hoggeshede, Pipe, Punchion, Tierce, Barel, and Roundelet when that they be solde in grosse. It is enacted that euerye Marchaunte, and other persone whyche shall hane Wynes to be solde / and refusynge to sell or delyuere, or not sellynge any of the same Wynes for redye Money to be

to be payde accordynge to the prices, then beyng set shall forfayte the value of the wyne so requi red to be bought. And the Justices of peas, Ma yers, Baylyffes, and other hede officers, and go uernours in shyres, Cytes, Townes, and other places at the request of any of the kinges subiec tes, to whome any denyal of sale of suche wines shalbe made accordynge to the prices set by the lordes and the Justices shall enter into the hous les, and selles where the sayde wyne shall bye, and to sell and delyuer the same wynes to the pe son requyrynge to bye the same, takynge of the byer of the wynes to the vse of the sayde accyon of the forfayt aforesayde, after the rate of the pri ces therof beynge set. Prouyded that if the mar chaunt, or person that hath the wynes depose be pon his bodely othe to be gyuen by the discrecion of the Justices of peace, Mayres, Baylyffes, or other hede officers, that he kepeth the same to ex pende in his owne house, or to sell by retayle or otherwyse/and nat to sel in grosse: then the same marchaunt and person shal kepe, and retaine the same. And if the marchaunt or other person after suche bodely othe do sell the wynes in grosse, or any of them, he shall forfayt the double value of all suche wynes solde in grosse, halfe to the kyng and the other halfe to the partye that wyl sue by accyon of det, byl, playnt, or informacyō, in whi che no wager of lawe essoyne, nor protectyō shal be allowed. Anno. 24. Henrici octaui Capitulo sexto.

¶ It is enacted that no person shal kyll or cause to be killed any weynlige, bullocke, steere, or heifer vnder the age of.ii. yeres to make sale therof to

any

any perſon hole, oz by retayle, vpon payne of. vi. s. viii. d. foz euery weynynge, Bullocke, Steere, oz Heifer kylled, and put to ſale contrary to this acte, the one halfe of the foꝛfayte to the kynge, & the other halfe to the partye that wyll ſue by accyon of det, oz informacyon in any of the kynges courtes, and no wager of lawe protecyon, noꝛ eſſoyne to be allowed, and the Juſtices of peace within the lymittes of theyꝛ cõmiſſion, at euerye generall ſeſſions to enquire here and determyne the pꝛemyſſes as well by informacyon, and pꝛeſentment, as by bylli, oz playnt, wherin no wager of lawe, eſſoyn, oz pꝛotecyon to be allowed. Thꝭ acte to endure to the nexte parliament. Anno. 24. Henrici, 8. Capitulo nono Memoꝛandum to ſe the laſt ſtatutes.

¶ It is enacted that euery perſon ſpirituall and tempoꝛall keppynge, and inhabitynge in any maneꝛs, meſes, landes, oz tenementes in theyꝛ owne manuraunce and occupacyon of any eſtate of inheritance, oz foꝛ lyfe, yeꝛes, oz at wyll, oz by copy of court roll, oz otherwyſe in poſſeſſion oz vſe, ſhal do, and cauſe to be done as moche as in him ſhall, oz maye be to kyll, and vtterly diſtroye all maner Choughes, Crowes, and Rokes, abydyng bredynge / oz hauntynge within oz vpon any the ſayde maners / landes oz tenementes / where he ſhall inhabite, oz dwel, vpon payne of a greuous amercyament, that is yf the offence be done by any perſon within the limittes of any leet, lawe dape, eape oz courte baron that then vpon a preſentment therof made before the ſtewarde of ſuche leetes lawe dates, eapes oz courtes, the Stewarde with two of the preſentours by the ſtewarde

warde and presentours to be named, shall set for
euery default done contrarye to this acte such
amercyament as to them shall seme reasonable,
the amercyament to be to the vse of the lorde of
the lawe daye, or courte where the offence shall
done, and presented, to be leuied by distresse as o
ther amercyamentes be for comen annuañces pr
sented. And yf the offence be done by suche pr
son that hathe the maners, landes, and tenemen
tes, whereunto suche lete, rapes, or courtes belō
ging vnto the wch presentmēt therof made before
resse in his turne or Justice of peace in theyr ses
sions, the stewarde of the turne, with two of the
presentours to be chosen as is aforesayde yf the
presentment be in the tourne, or two Justices of
peas at the least, yf the presentmens be before the
shall set the amerciament by theyr discrecon, to
be leuied to the kynges vse as amerciamentes vp
pon presentmētes of annuaunce. And that in eue
rye Towne, Shire, Hamlet, and Village wher
in xx. housholders at the least, the inhabitaun
tes there shal cause to be made a net to take Cro
wes, Choughes, Rokes, with all thynge requi
site for the same. And they shall kepe, preserue,
and renewe as nede shall require. And shall cause
the same to be layde at suche tyme of the yere as
is conuenient in suche places as shalbe thought
to take Crowes during x. yeres nexte after the
feaste of Saynt Michell nexte comynge, vppon
payne to forfayte x. shyllinges, the one halfe to
the Kynge, and the other halfe to the Lorde of
the Lete, Rape, or Courte Baron where suche
Net shall be lackynge, and not put in execucon
to be leuyed of the Townshyppe, or Hundred
where

where the Mete shalbe lackynge and that excepte
met with all thynges requysite there vnto, shalbe
mes in the yere prelétyd in the Lete, Court Ba-
con, oz Kape before the stewarde of the same:
And that suche ozdynaunces as shalbe made by
the Stewardes, Tenauntes, and Inhabytaun-
tes, oz by the moze parte of them, foz the distruc-
cion of Crowes, Rokes, and Choughes shall
be putte in due execucyon, and that the inhaby-
tauntes yerely durynge the sayde .x. yeres at su-
che tyme, and places as by the Stewardes of su
che Letes, Kapes, and Courtes, shalbe appoyn-
ted, shall assemble them together to viewe, and
survaye all the sayde Manours, Landes, and
Tenementes, and shall conclude by what mea-
nes it shalbe best policy to destroye all the yong
brode of the sayde Choughes, Crowes, and Ro-
kes foz that yere, and the sayde assemble shal ma-
ke yerly durynge the sayde .x. yeres foz the same
and shall put the same in due execucyon, vppon
payne to forfayte euerye yere, so omyttynge su-
che assemble and vewe makynge .xx. shyllynges
after presentment therof had before the kynges
Justices of peace, halfe to the kynge, the other
halfe to the prelétours of the sayde offence to be
leuied by distresse, ipse amerciamentes foz comen
analaunce to be leuied. And Justices of peace in
theyr sessions, Shyrefes in theyr tournes, Ste-
wardes, Mayres, and Baylyffes in theyr letes,
tapes, & courtes shall gyue in charge to the inha-
bytaunces, and all other apperynge before them
that they shall duely enquere, and put in execu-
cyon the effecte of the prempsses. And that ey-
uery Fermours, oz owner hauynge Landes, oz
tenement

tenemẽtes in his owne manurañce of the yerely
vaine or rent of fyue pounde, shall paye to euery
person whiche at his owne coste dothe take any
olde Crowes, Rokes, or Choughes, vppon his
sayde landes, or tenementes, two pens for euery
dosen of olde Crowes, Rokes, or Choughes that
any person shal take and offer to any suche owner,
or fermour, & for fyxe olde crowes one peny, &
for iii. olde Crowes, Rokes or Choughes one
halfepeny. And yf any suche owner or fermoure
refuse to paye the mony, then vpon complaynt,
and proue made thereof to the Iustices of peace,
or by the Constable, the sayde Iustices/ or bygh
Constables shall cause the sayde money to be le-
uied by distresse of the goodes / and catelles of
suche fermoure, or occupyer refusynge to
paye the sayde money accordynge to this acte.

Anno. 24. Henrici octaui Capitulo decimo.

¶ It is enacted that no person were or vse in a-
ny maner theyr apparell, or vpon theyr horse / or
other beaste any sylke of the colours of purple,
ne clothe of golde or tissue, but onely the kyng y^e
Quene/the kynges mother / the kynges children
the kynges brothren, and systers/and the kynges
vncles & aunts, except that Dukes, and Mar-
quesses, to vse and were in theyr dwellettes, and
sleueles cotes clothe of golde/and of tyssue/so it
exceede nat the price of fyue pounde the yarde, &
in none other theyr garmentes, so that this word
de purpure extende nat to the mantell of the or-
der of Garter. And no man vnder the estate of
an Erle vse or were in his apparell, or vpon his
horse, or other beaste any clothe of golde, or sy-
luer, or of Tincelde Satten, or any other sylke,

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wyfe or browded with golde, or syluer, nor any furres of Sables, except Cōtes. the Dukes of Ryght Johns and Barons to were in theyr doublettes & sleueles cotes, clothe of golde, or syluer of Tynsell. And that no man vnder the degree of a Marques, and Erle, and theyr chyldren, or vnder the degre of a Baro, onlesse he be a knight of the order of the Garter were in any of his apparell any wollen cloth made out of this realme, Yrelande, Wales, Calets, Barwyke, or the marches of them, ne were in any apparell of his body, or on his horse beaste. or harnesse of the same any maner Velues of crimisen, Scarlet, or blewe coloure, ne any furres of blacke Jenettes, Luzernes, ne any maner embrowderynge. And that no man vnlesse he be a knight were any coler of golde named a coler of S. nor no man vnder the degre of a Barons sonne, or of a knyght, except he may spende for terme of lyfe, of landes, or fees to hys owne vse, two hundreth pounds ouer all charges yerely, were any cheyne of golde, bracelet ouche or other ornament of golde, in any parte of his apparell, or of theyr horse, or beaste, except it be in weight an ounce of fyne golde, or aboue except rynges, vpon theyr fyngers, ne were any velues in theyr gownes, cotes with sleues, or other vttermoste garmentz, nor any furres of Lybardes, nor any embrodery, pyrchyng, or pynynge with golde, syluer, or sylke in any parte of his apparell, or on theyr horses or beastes. And that no man vnder the sayde Estates, and degrees other then suche as maye dispende one hundreth pounde by yere ouer all charges, were any satten, damaske, sylke, chamlet, or taffata in his

gowne, cote with sleues, or other vttermost apparell, nor any manner Veluettes otherwyse then in sleueles iackett, doubletes, coltes, partelettes, or purfl, or any furre wherof the like kynde groweth not in Englande, Wales, Irelande Caleis Berwyke, or the marches of the same, except foines, Gray genettes, and Bogy. And that no man vnder the sayde degrees, other the the sonne and heyre apparant of a knyght, or the sonne and heyre apparant of one man that maye dispende, thre hundreth markes by yere ouer all charges, and suche other as maye dispende. xl. pounde by yere ouer all charges, were in theyr gownes or vttermoste apparell any chamlet, ne lyke, nor weare in any other parte of theyr apparell any lyke other then Saten, Damaske, Taffata, or Sarcenet in theyr doubletes, and Sarcenet, Chamlet or Taffata in theyr lininges of theyr gowne, and the same or veluet in theyr sleueles cotes, iackets ierkyns, coltes, cappes, purses, or partelettes the colours of scarlet, crempsyne, and blewe except, nor shall weare any furres of gray genettes Foines nor any other furres wherof the lyke kinde is not growyng in Englande, Irelōde, Wales, Caleis, Berwike, or the marches of the same shall weare any aggiettes, botons, or Brooches of Golde or Syluer, gylte or counterfayt gylte or made with any other deuyse of any weyght: nor weare any Cheyne of Golde of lesse weyght and value then tenne ounces of Troye weyght of tyne Golde. And that no man vnder the sayde degrees, other thenne suche Gentylmen as maye dyspende twentye Pounde, in Landes, Fees, or amerciamentes, ouer all charges, shall nat

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weare any maner of sylke of any apparell of his bodye, or of his horse, or beaste, except it be Taffata, Sarcenet, or Damaske in his doublet or coate and Chamlet in his sleueles Jacket, and a lace of Sylke for his Bonet, or poyntes laces gyrdelles or garters, made or wrought in Englonde, or Wales / nor shall weare any furres of blacke conye, or bogy. And that no man vnder the sayde degrees, other then suche as maye dispende fyue pounde ouer all charges yerely, weare any cloth of colour scarlet / crewilyn, or violet in grayne, nor any sylke in theyr doublettes, or iacketes, nor any other clothe in any garmente aboue the price of syxe shyllynges, and eyght pens the brode yarde, nor any other thynge made out of this realme, excepte Chamlette in theyr doubletes, and Jackettes. And that no seruynge man ta kynge wages, or suche other that maye not dyspende fortye shyllynges by yere, shall weare any clothe in his hose aboue two shyllynges the yerde and that none of theyr hoses be garded or mixed with any other thynge that maye be seen on, or throughe the vtter parte of theyre hoses, nor in his Gowne / Cote, or Jacket, or other garmente any clothe aboue the price of thre shyllynges, and foure pens the brode yerde, except his mayster lyuerie nor any furres except gray conye, blacke lambe, or whyte lambe of Englysshe, Walshe or Irysshe growynge, nor were anye Sylke, or Sylke bande, vnder or vpper cappe, coyfe, Bonet, or hatte garnysshed, myxt, or wrought with sylke, golde, or syluer, nor shal were any bonet, or shyrt bãde, wrought out of thys realme or wales, but he may were a sylke ribãde for hys bonet and y

cognysaunce or badge of his Lorde, or maysters And a horne typped or lined with syluer, or gylte or vngylte. And also vppon theyr bonetes suche games of syluer, gylte, or vngylte, as they maye by wrastlynge, shotynge, rennynge, leappynge, or castynge the barre, and maysters of shyppes, and other vessels, and marryners to weare a whystell of syluer with the cheyne of syluer to hange the same vpon. And no manner husbande mā to weare in his hose any clothe aboue the price of two shillynges, or any clothe in his gowne aboue the price of foure shyllynges the brode yerde, or in his iacket or cote aboue the price of two shyllynges and eyght pens the brode yerde, nor in his doublet any other thynge then is wrought within this realme, fustyane and cannas onely except. And that no seruynge man in husbondrye, nor iourneye man in handy crafte, takyng wages. weare in his hose any clothe aboue. xvi. pens the brode yerde, nor in his gowne iacket or cote aboue two shyllynges, and eyght pens the brode yerde, nor in his doublet any other thynge thē fustyan, cannas or lether, or wollen clothe, nor any maner furre in any of his apparell. Prouided that all officers, and seruauntes waytynge or attendynge vppon the kyng the Quene, Prynce, or Prynces, dayly or quarterly, or in theyr Checker roll, as shalbe lycensed by his grace to weare any maner apparel vpon theyr bodies, or horses, maye vse and do the same lycense to be declared by the kynge i wrytig or by lorde Stewarde, or Lorde Chamberlayne. ¶ Prouyded that the lorde Chaunceler, Lorde Treasorer, Lorde President of the counsell. and Lorde of the priuy seale maye weare any maner

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velvet or silke, except purpure colour, and any maner furres, except blacke genettes. And that none of the clergye not depnge a lorde of the parliament weare in any of theyr apparell of theyr bodies, or horses or bardes any stuffe wrought out of this realme, Wales, Irelonde, Berwyke Calays, and the marches therof, except that it shalbe lawfull to all Archedecons, Deanes, Prioures, Maysters, and Wardens of cathedrall and collegiate Churches prebendaries, doctours or bacheliers in divinite, doctours of the one law and the other, and also doctours of other sciences whiche be admitted in any vnyuersyte, to weare Sarcenet in theyr lynyng of theyr gownes, blacke Sarcen or blacke Chamelet in theyr doublets and sleueles cotes, and blacke velvet, or blacke Sarcenet or blacke Satten in theyr typpettes or rydynge hoodes, or Syrdelles, and also clothe of colour of scarlet, murrey, or violet, and furres called grey, blacke bogy, foynes, shankes, or myniuer in theyr gownes, and sleueles cotes. And that none of the clergye vnder the degrees above saide, weare any maner furres, other then blacke coney bogy, graye conye, shankes, calaber, gray, spruce foxe, labe, otter, and beuer. And that none of the Clergye vnder the degrees aforesayde, other the Maysters of arte, bacheliers of one lawe or the other, admitted in any vniuersite, or such as may dispende yerely twenty pounde ouer all charges, shall weare in theyr typpettes any maner Sarcenet, or other silke. This acte extendeth not to any of the kynges counsell, ne to the Justices of the one benche, nor of the other, Barons of the excheker, mayster of the Rolles, Sergeauntes at

lawe, maysters of the Chauncery, ne to any of ye Kynge, and Quene, the Prynce or Prynceſſe apprentyce of the lawe, ne to the Kynges, the Quenes, the Prynce or Prynceſſes phiſicions, Wayters, Recorders, Aldermen, Shyrefſes, Bayliffes elects, and all other heed officers of Cities, Townes, and Boroughes corporate. Wardens of occupatyons, the Barones of the fyue Portes, that is to say to al the ſaide officers and perſons that nowe be or heretofore haue ben, or hereafter ſhalbe, but that they at all tymes maye weare ſuche apparell vpon theyr bodies, horſes, and beſtes, and alſo Citizens, Burgeſſes ſuche hooded of clothe, of ſuche colours as heretofore they haue vſed to weare, except veluet, damaſke, or Damaſken of colours crymyſen, violet, purpure, or blew otherwyſe then by this acte, is by reaſon of their landes permytted or aſſigned. Ne this acte ſhall nat extende to any embaſſadours, or other perſons ſente from outwarde Prynces, or to noblemen, or other men commynge into this Realme or other parte of his obeyſaunce to ſee the countrye, not mynded to tarye, ne to any Henchman, Heralde, or Purſeuaunt of armes, mynſtrels Players in enterludes, or to men of warre beynge in wages, nor to any man wearynge any apparell gyuen to hym by the Kynge, the Quene, the Prynce, the Prynces, ne to any Swoorde berer of Cytie or Towne corporate, ne to any vtter barreller of the Innes of Courte for wearynge ſuche Stylke or Furre as is lymytted for men that dyſpende forty Pounde ouer all charges, nor to any ſtudent of the innes of Courte or chauncery, nor to any gentyleman beyng ſeruaunt

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to any Lozde Knight, oz Squier, oz gentylman whose mayster may dispende foxty pounde ouer all charges, foz wearynge by suche studente, oz gentylman beynge seruaunt, of doubiettes, and partlettes of laten, damaske, oz Chamlet, oz iacketes of chamlet/whyche doubiettes, iackettes, oz partlettes be gyuen to them by any of theyr parentes, mayster, oz kinsfolkes / so they be not of the colours of crymsyn, purpure, blewe, oz scarlet, noz foz wearynge of any Furres, whereof the lyke groweth within this realme, marterns and blacke conye except. And if any man vse to weare any apparell contrarye to the tenoure afore sayde: then he so offendynge shall forfayt the apparell aforesayde, and other the premisses so by hym vsed, oz worne vpon hys body, horse, oz beaste, wherewith soeuerit be garnyshed, embrodred, oz myxed, oz the value therof and thre shillynges, and foure pens in the name of a fyne, foz euery daye that he shall so weare the same. And that euery man may sue foz same by accion of detinue, to be commenced within fyfteen dayes next after the beginnyng of the terme next ensuing after such cause of forfaiture, in which acciõ no wager of lawe, essoyne, noz protectyon shalbe allowed, the one halfe of the forfayture to fyne to the kinge and the other halfe to him that wyll sue in tyme lymitted. And the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, the Shirriffe in his tourne, the Stewarde in leetes & lawe dayes, the Aldermē in theyr wardes, & all other persõs hauyng auctozite to enquere of bloodshede & frayes, to enquere of the sayd offences & forfaitures: & the parties so offendinge, and presented, shall make fyne after the rate aforesayde.

Prouyded that this acte be not preiudiciall to any spirituall persons for wearynge of any ornamentes of the Churche, or for wearyng theyr garmentes of religion, or other thynges whiche they be bled, or bounde vnto by theyr rornes, or profession, ne to any graduates, beadels, or ministers to the graduates in vniuersities, for wearynge of theyr habites or hoodes, with furres, or lynynges, as they haue bene accustomed.

¶ Prouyded that this acte be nat preiudiciall to any persone for wearynge of Lynyn Clothe / wrought out of this realme, ne to any person beynge of the degree of a gentylman, for wearynge of any shyrt made or embrowdered with threde / and sylke onely, so that the same workes, or embrowdery be made withi this realme of Englãde Wales, Caleys, or Berwyke, or the marches of the same. Anno. 24. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 15.

¶ It is enacted that euery owner / grasier, fermoure, breder, drouer, and drogger that haue any Beestes, Muttons, Veales, or Porkes fat to be solde for mennes meate, shall whensoeuer any person shal resorte to them, to bye the same to be killed, or retayled agayne by lawfull weyght, shall make sale of theyr sayde cattell to euery suche bocher as wyll bye the same to be retayled by lawfull weight, at suche reasonable prices so that the sayde bocher, or other alwayes may retayle the same agayne by lawefull weyght, the sayde Bochers alway payng redy money in hande for the same cateles, or at suche dayes as the owner of the same cateles may be agreed withall. And if the owners. graziers, fermours. breders, drouers droggers, or any of them refuse to sette any such reaso-

reasonable pzice, and to make sale of theyz sayde cattell, to the Bocher oz to any other person that wyll bye, kyll, and retayle the same agayne by lawfull weyght, as is afozesayde: then euery Justice of peace within the limytes of his commissis on inhabytaunt next vnto the place where suche refusall shall be made, and Wayzes oz Bayliffes of other places corporate, vppon complaynt to hi oz them, to be made by any person whiche wolde bye the sayde cattell, to sell agayne as is befozes sayde, shall haue power to dirzecte his pzecept vnder his seale, vnto foure, thze oz two honest persons not beynge fermours, tenauntes, oz seruaunttes to the owners of the sayde cattel, commaundynge them to set and taxe the sayde pzyces indifferently betwene the sayde partyes, in suche wise as the Bocher whiche shall bye the sayde cattell to sell agayne by retayle/as is afozesayde, shalbe no loser in vtteringe the flesshe of the same cattell by weyght. And if any owner/fermoure. grasier breder oz bzogger, oz any of the sayde foure thze oz two of the sayd indifferent persons appointed by the sayde Justices, Wayzes oz Bayliffes, oz any of them refuse to obeie & perfoureme the sayde pzecepte/oz to vtter and sell theyz cattell of lyke nature in fourme afozesayde/then euery the said owners, fermours, grasiers, dzouers, bzewers and bzoggers, and also the sayde foure thze, oz two, indifferent persons, and euery one of theym maykynge suche refusell, oz not executynge, oz nat obaynge the same, if it be within xl. dayes befoze any of the foure termes of the perely exercising of the lawes of this realme, shalbe commaunded by any of the sayde Justicers, Wayzes, oz Bayliffes

euery suche offendour vpon payne of forty pou
de, personally to appere before the kynge, and
the Lordes of the counsayle, in the starre cham
ber at Westmynster or other place of theyr coun
assemble in the Terme tyme nexte ensuynge the
sayde forty dayes, there to make fyne, and to a
byde suche punishment as shalbe thought by the
lorde Chaunceler, Treasorer, and other Lordes
of the counsayle for the tyme beynge. And that su
che offence be in any of the sayde termes, then ty
ke monyepon payne and certifycat shalbe made
by any of the sayde Justices, Wayes, or Bayli
lyffes in fourme beforesayde at the nexte Terme
then folowynge. And if any Justices, Wayes or
Baylyffes of places corporate, vpon complaint
to them made do not in tyme and place conueni
ent, vppon request to him made awarde his pre
cepte to foure thre or two indifferent persons by
his discrecion, and also gyue monyepon vppon
payne aforesayd, and make true relatyon and cer
tifycat by wrytinge vnto the kynge and his coū
sell of the sayde refusall. or ther misbehauour of
any of the sayde owners fermours, graseyers, pas
tures, breders, and boggers, and also the sayde
foure thre, or two indyfferēt persons, as the trou
the of the case shall require, yt the sayde Justices
Wayes or Baylyffes in tyme and place conue
nient, be reasonably required so to do. then euery
the sayde Justicers, Wayes, or Baylyffes so re
quired to make his warrant, or to gyue monicy
on, or to make certificat, and refusinge that to do
in fourme aboue sayde, shall forfayte for euery su
che defaut forty shillynges, the moite of whiche
forfayture shalbe to the king, the other moite to

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that wyll sue for the same by bylle, playnt, accion of dette, or otherwyse, and no wager of lawe es-soyne nor protection to be allowed. Anno. 25. Henrici octaui Capitulo primo.

¶ Item is enacted that the vice of Buggerie committed with mankynde, or beast be aduuged felonie, and that no person so offendyng shalbe admytted to his clergye. And that the Justices of peace shal haue power to here and determine the same, as other felonies. This acte to endure to the last daye of the nexte Parlyament. Anno. 25. Henrici octaui Capitulo sexto.

Memorandum to serche the newe statutes.

¶ Item is enacted that for pauinge of the streetes in South warke, that is out of the lyberty of the Cytie of London, and for the amendynge and repayryng of the same, the Justices of peace in the countie of Surreye shall enquere of the premisses and here and determine, and punisshe the defaultes as it is for pauynge in the lybertie of the Cytie of London. Anno, 25. H. 8. Capitulo. 8.

¶ Where there hath bene great plentie of Ducks, Mallardes, Wigins, Teales, Mydegeas, and diuers other kindes of Wyldfowle within this realme. Item is enacted that it shal not be lawfull to any person betwene the last daye of May and the last day of August to take or cause to be taken any suche Wildefowle by nettes, or any other engyns, vpon payne of one yeres imprisonment, and to forfaite for euery wildfowle so taken vi. d. the one halfe to the kyng, & the other halfe to him y wyll sue for the same by accion of det, in any of y kings courtes: in which no wager of lawe essoin nor protection shalbe allowed. And that the

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Justices of peace shal haue power to enquere here and determine the offences above sayd, as they do in Trespas. Prouyded that any person that may dispende forty shillynges by yere of freholde may hunt and take suche wyldefowle with their spaniels onely, or long bowes, without nettes or other engyns. And that no person take or distroy any maner of eggres of any kynde of wyldefowle from any nest or place where they shall chaūce to be layed by any kynde of wyldefowle, vpō paine of imprisonment by one yere, and to forfait for euery egge of Crayne, or Bustarde so distroied, or take from any nest or place twenty pens, and for euery egge of Heroū, Buttur, or Whouelarde, viii. pens, & for euery egge of euery other wyldefowle one peny, the one halfe to the kyng, and the other halfe to him that wyl sue, wherin no wager of lawe essoyne, nor protecc̄yon to be allowed. And the Justicers of peace shall haue power to enquere here and determyne the same. Prouyded that this acte extende not for distroyenge of any wyldefowle, or theyr egges that be nat comonly vsed to be eaten. Anno. 25. Henrici octaui Capitulo. 2.

¶ It is enacted that no person shall kepe occupie or haue in his possession, in his owne proper landes, nor in the possession, londes or groūdes of any other that hath in ferme, nor haue of his owne proper cattell in vse. possession, or propertie aboue the nombre of two thousande Whepe at one tyme, within any parte of this realme of all sortes and kyndes, vppon payne to forfayte for euery shepe aboue the nombre thre shyllynges and foure pens, halfe to the kyng, and the other halfe to hi that wyll sue, by wyt byl playnte or informacyō

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in any courte of recoꝛde, in whiche no wager of lawe, essoyne, noꝛ pꝛotection to be allowed. Lawes bes vnder the age of one yere shall nat be accõpte ted of the nombꝛe of shepe pꝛohybite. And yf any person haupnge shepe of his owne happen to be made executoꝛ, oꝛ administratoꝛ, oꝛ to be maꝛ ryed to any person ꝧ hath shepe, by reason wheꝛe of the person so beyng executoꝛ, oꝛ administraꝛ tour, oꝛ maryed, shall happen to haue aboue the nombꝛe of two thousãde then in euery suche caſe that person to lose no penaltye, so that he within one yere next after suche anauncement, do sel thẽ oꝛ otherwyse dispose thẽ, so that aboue one yere he shall not kepe haue noꝛ occupye any mo nomꝛ ber then is aboue sayde lymitted. And yf any perꝛ son by his last wyll, gyue to any chylde within aꝛ ge, any nombꝛe of shepe, and appoynt them to beꝛ kepte by his executours, oꝛ some other person to suche tyme as the chylde come to a certayne age lymyted in his wyll: then in euery suche caſe after the death of the testatour, the sayde shepe beꝛ ynge in the possession of the executours, oꝛ of any other person to ꝧ vse of ꝧ chylde foꝛ that tyme oꝛ ney, that he shalbe lymitted, to haue the shepe, by the wyll, shall not accompted agaynste the executoꝛ oꝛ any person so haupnge the shepe any of ꝧ nombꝛe of the shepe pꝛohibyte by this acte. And the Justices of peace shal haue power to enquꝛe re of the offendours, aſwell by the othes of twelꝛ ue men, as by informacyon, and to make pꝛoceꝛ as vpon pꝛesentmentes of Trespas. And no perꝛ son beynge conuicte by confession oꝛ otherwyse put to les fyne then after the rates of the forfay, tures afoꝛe lymitted. Pꝛouided that the partye

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begynne his suite within one yere next after the
offence, and the kynge within .iii. yere next after
the offence, to take his presentment or suyte. And
that all and euery person haupnge inheritaunce
in possessyon, or in dowre, or by the courtesye of
Englonde, or by byrthe of foldage, maye at all ty-
mes hereafter haue, and kepe vpon theyr owne
demeane Landes, Pastures, and foldcourses, as
many shepe and lambes, in nombre to theyr owne
vse and profet, as they myght haue had and kept
vpon the same at any tyme before the makynge
of this acte. And euery suche person so haupnge
two thousande shepe or aboue, shall not kepe, or
haue any shepe aboue and beside the sayde nom-
bre vppon any Londes whiche they haue in fer-
me, or otherwyse, vppon lyke paynes and for-
faytures for the same, and that is thre shyllyngs
and foure pens, for euerye shepe aboue the nom-
ber of two thousande Shepe. And yf the sayde
Landes suffyse not for kedynge, and keppnge of
two thousande shepe: then euerye suche persone
may haue and kepe vppon the sayde landes, and
vpon his ferme holdes to the nombre of two thou-
sande shepe, and not aboue, vppon the paine for
euerye shepe aboue the nomber, thre shyllynges
and foure pens. And euery person keppnge house
holde to haue from tyme to tyme suche conuenis
ent nombre of shepe aboue the nombre expressed
in this acte, as shalbe necessarie for the onely ex-
pēses of his housholde, to be kept & fede in, or vpō
his owne landes, or other lādes, as he may haue
or guide for, in ferme or otherwise, so ẏ at no one
tyme he shal kepe any nōber of shepe mo thē shal
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ne yere, without fraude oz couyn. And that no
erson beynge lozde, owner, oz fermour of any li
ertie of folde courle within any Towne, Vil-
age, oz Hamlett within any of the Counties of
Norfolke and Suffolke, shall take in ferme foz
eres, oz otherwise, any quillettes of landes, that
is to saye, any nombze of acres lyenge, oz beynge
within the pzecincte of that lybertie of the sayde
foldecourles, but shall suffer theyze owners, oz
fermonrs, to manure and pasture the sayde quil-
lettes, and to suffre the shepe of the owners oz
fermours of the sayde quillettes, after the rate
of the same quyllettes, to go with the flocke of
the owner, oz occupier of ẏ libertie of foldecourle
payenge the customarye charges foz kepinge and
fedynge, after the rate ẏ vle of the countrey there
vled, vpon payne of forfaytynge foz euerye tyme
that suche persons hauinge suche quillet shalbe
letted, oz interrupted of pasturinge of any of his
shepe after the rate of his quillet, foz euery such
shepe. iii s. iiii. d. And this brauncbe to be taken
and anailable to suche tenauntes, and occupiers
of suche quillettes, as myght of ryght haue vled,
to haue pasture and fedynge in the sayde foldes
courle by reason of theyz quillettes. And the nō-
ber of two thoulande shepe, to be accompted af-
ter syxe score to the hundzeth, so that euery thou-
lande shall contayne xii. hundzeth after the lesse
nomber of hundzethes. And also lambes vnder
ye age of. i. yere ẏ as moch as shalbe frō ẏ time of
ye fallig of the, vnto ye feast of S. Jo. Baptist
any yere to come, shall not be take foz shepe, pho-
bit by thẏ acte. And al spiritual psons to kepe as
many shepe vpō their owne lādes as they might

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before the makynge of this acte. And no person shal take ferme for terme of lyfe, yeres, or at will by indenture, coppe of court roll, or otherwyse, any mo houses and tenementes of husbandrye, wherunto any landes are belongynge, in Towne, Tithinge, Village, Hamlet, above the nombre of two suche holdes or tenementes. And that no man shall holde or occuppe any suche holdes, so newly taken to the nombre of two, except, he dwell in the same parishe where the holdes be: upon payne of forfayture for euerye weke that he shall so occuppe or take any profytes. iii. s. iiii. d. halfe to the kynge, and halfe to him that wyl sue in any of the kynges courtes, by bill, playnt, information or otherwyse within one yere next after such contempt and offence, in whiche no wager of lawe essoyn nor protection shalbe allowed

Anno. 25. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 13.

¶ It is enacted that all suche persons as haue landes or tenementes for terme of lyfe, fee simple or fee taile to the yerely value of forty shyllynges ouer all charges, shalbe empaneled, and haue power to enquere of hereslyes, and theyre presentementes to be good, and that euery person beinge idyted of heresye, or accused by two lawful witnesses at the least, to any Ordinary haupnge power to examine herelies, shalbe cited or taken by the sayde Ordinaries, or any other the Kynges ministers and subiectes. And afterwarde shalbe commytted to the Ordinarie to aunswere in open courtes, and in open place to suche accusacyon, or presentment. And yf they be conuicte of heresy they shall abiure yf they wyll renounce theyr heresyes, and do suche penaunce as shalbe ymitted

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by the discrecyon of Ordinarie. And yf they after conuiccion refuse to abiure, or after abiuracion fall in relapse, and be duely accused and presented or conuicte therof, then in suche case they shalbe committed to laye power, to be burned in open place. The kynges writ. De hereticocomburendo syste optayned for the same. And suche persones as shall happen to be accused or indyted of heresye, shall and maye be letten to bayle by the Ordinarie by theyr discrecion, or els in theyr defaute yf they refuse so to do, then by the discrecyon of the Justices of peace in that shire, where suche persons so accused do inhabite, by foure sufficyent sureties to be bounden by obligacion or recognysaunce to appere before the Ordinarie at such daye, tyme, and place, as shalbe symytted in the sayde bondes by the sayd Ordinaries, or in theis defautes, by the said two Justices, except the Ordinarie can declare to the kinge, and to his counsell a reasonable cause why the sayde person, shulde not be let to bayle. Anno. 25. Henrici. 8. Ca. 14

¶ It is enacted that no person, except he haue landes, tenemētes, fees, or annuites to his owne vse to the yerely value of one hundreth poundes shall shote in any Handgonne, or Crossebowe, or vse or kepe any Handgōne, or Crossebowe in his house or els where, vpon payne to forfayte for euery tyme that he offendeth contrary to this acte x. li. And that it shalbe lawfull to euery persone that may vse, kepe, or shote in any crossebowe or Handgonne to seaze and take euery suche Crossebowe, and Handgōne from the same offendours, to retayne the same to his owne vse. And that no lorde nor owner of any Lete, beare, or mayn-

teyne any of theyr tenaũtes, or seruauntes, within the iurisdiccion of theyr letes to do or offende contrarye to this Statute vpon payne to forfaite for euery tyme so offendynge. x. li. halfe to the kynge, and the other halfe to the partye that wyll sue for the same, by byll, plaint, accion of det, or informacion in any of the kyng{ courtes, in which no essoyn, protection ne wager of lawe shalbe allowed, And it shalbe lawfull to the Justicers of peace in theyr sessions, and all Stewardes and Bayllyffes in theyr letes to enquere, here, and determine euery suche offence, and no les fine then. x. li. to be assessed vpon euery suche presentmente and conuiccion after the course of the lawe, the fyne made before the Justicers of peace, to be leuied onely to the kinges vse. And the fyne made before the Stewarde, the moyte therof to be leuied, and payed to the vse of the owner of the lete by distres or accion of det: and the other moite to the partie that wyll sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by byll, playnt, accyon of det in whiche no wager of lawe, essoyne, nor protecyon shalbe allowed. All lycences, letters, placardes, made or here after to be made, to shote i crosbowes, Handgonnes to be voyde, excepte that the kynge maye lycence by his letters patentes, vnder his great seale, any person to shote in crosse bowes, Handgõnes. This acte shall nat be hurtfull to any person appoynted by the kynge, to take or receyue any Crossebowes, or Handgonnes that shalbe forfaite or taken in the kynges forestes, parke{, or closes, but that he may lawfully kepe them, vnto the tyme the kynges pleasure be ferther knowen in that behalfe. This acte extẽdeth

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not to the makers of Crossebowes, and Handgō nes, but that they may lawfully kepe thē i theyr howses, and shote in them onely for assayeng thē In al walled Townes within seuen miles of the see, or holdes stondynge vpon the see coste, or vpon any of the Englysshe marches agayost Scotlande, it shalbe lawfull to euery man dwellynge in suche Townes, or holdes to kepe within the same Crossebowes, and Handgonnes for the onely defence of the sayd Townes, holdes, and howses, and aswell to vse them therfore, as to carye them to theyr shyppes, there to exercise them for the defence of theyr shyppes, and theyre goodes therein. The kynge to take his accion therefore within one yere nexte after the offence, by examinacion before the counsell, ozels by accyon, or pties. And euery other person within halfe a yere next after suche offēce, to commence theyr suites informacyon, or presentment vppon suche forfaytes as be expressed in this acte. This acte extendeth not to any merchaunts, which haue crossebowes to sell, or Handgōnes, to none other vse. yf any person bryng or cause to be brought any crossebowe, or Handgōne into his lodging, or into any other mānes house, the penalti of this acte to rēue vpō the briger therof, not to the owner of the house, or lodgige, if the owner of the lodgyng cause the brīger therof to recarye the same with hi at his departing. Yf any person se or fynde any person doyng or offendynge contrary to this acte: then it shalbe lawfull to euerye suche persone fyndinge, or seyng any suche person so offending to attache euery suche offendour, and bringe him to the nexte Justice of peace in the countye, and

the same Justice of peace vppon examinacyon, of
pyose therof had before him, by theyr discrecyon
shall haue power to sende the offendours to the
nexte Gaole, there to remayne tyl that the penal-
tye, and forfayture shalbe payed by the offendour
the one halfe to the kynge and the other halfe to
the fyrste brynger or conueyer of the sayde offen-
dour to the same Justice of peace. This acte shall
not be hurtfull to seruauntes that shall vse or ex-
saye any Crossebowe, or Handgonne by cõmaun-
dement of his mayster, so that he shote nat at a-
ny dere, wyldefowle, or other game, nor to any
seruaunte that shall conuey or beare any Cross-
bowe, and Handgonne to any place by cõmaun-
dement of his mayster that may shote by this ac-
te, so that the seruaunt haue lycense in wrytyng
sealed, and subscribed by his maysters hande, re-
dy to shewe to euery person requyrynge the same
to conuey the same Crossebowe, or Handgonne,
to the intent to be amended, repayred, or assayed
This acte shall not be preiudicyall to any Gon-
ners beynge in the kynges wages, onely for sho-
tynge in Handgonnes, bearynge and keppynge of
the same in theyr houses, so that they do not sho-
te at any beastes or fowles. And it shalbe lawfull
to the inhabytauntes in Cumberlãde, Westmer-
londe, Northumberlonde, and Durham, to kepe
in theyr houses Crossebowes, and Handgonnes,
and shote in the same for the defence of the same
houses, theyr persons, and goodes agaynst Scot-
tes, theues, and other ennemies, and for scouring
of the same onely, and for none other pourpose.

Anno. 25. Henrici, 8. Capitulo. 17.

¶ It is enacted that euery person that taketh vp-

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vpon hym to haue and kepe any passages, or ferries ouer Seuarne into Southwales, or into the Forest of Dean from henceforthe do not carye, nor conuey with any maner barge bote, or other vessell, any person with horses, mares, or other cattell, nor no other person, nor persons before the sonne rysynge in the morynge, nor after the sone goynge downe at nyght, vpon payne of imprisonment, and fyne to be set vppon him that shall so conuey or carie ouer any of the sayde passages of the sayde ryuer, out of Englonde into Wales, or to the forest of Dean, or out of Wales / or the forreste of Dean, in Englonde, vnlesse the sayde passengers, and euery of them haue good knowledge of suche persons, and of theyr dwellynge places, and vpon request to them made by any person to disclose the name and dwellynge place of euerye suche person so by them conueyed ouer the sayde water, to any person requyrynge the same yt suit be made for, or after them, vpon any out crye, hute, or freshe suit for any felony, or robborye, or mã slaughter. And the Justices of peace within the counties of Glouce. and Somerset, at theyr quarter sessions, shall haue power to call before them all suche persons, whiche shall kepe any of the sayde passages, and to bynde them, with sufficient suerties with them by rerognisaunce, in such sũmes of money as shal seme to thẽ to do by their discrecyon, that they shall not after the sayde tymes appoynted, conuey or cause to be conueyed, any person, or kynde of cattell, but suche as they knowe / and wyll answere for, and knowe wheres theyr habitaunces be, and vppon request to them made, from tyme to tyme shall disclose aswell the

persons, as theyr goodes, so passynge the sayde passage, vpon fresche suit so to be made, vpon any felonie, or mourdour done within this realme or Southwales. Anno. 26. Henrici. 8. Capi. 5.

¶ It is enacted that the Justices of Gaole deliuerie and of peace, and cutry of theym in cutrye Shyre of Englande where the kynges wyrt runneth, nexte adioynynge to the lordeshyppe, matcher, and other place in Wales, where any counterfaytynge, clyppynge, walshyng, or ministring of any coine, currat within this realme, or mourdour, or any other felonies or accessoryes shalbe done, shall haue auctoryte at theyr sessions, and gaole delyuerie to enquire by verdyte of twelue men, of the same shyre nexte adioynynge there, to cause them to be indited, as yf the same treasõs murders, and accessoryes to the same had ben wone within any of the same shyres, and to here and determynne the same accordynge to the lawes of the realme, and all soren pices of the same offendors shalbe tried within the same shire. And that acquitel. or fine makig within any of the lordshippes, marchers for the same cause, shalbe no barre for any person endited in the same shyre, within ii. yeres nexte after such murdour or felonie done And that the sayde Justices of peas and Gaole delyuerie, and euery of them shal haue auctorite to awarde all maner of proces, aswel of outlawry as otherwyse, agaynst euery suche offendoure accordynge to the lawes of this realme, and that the sayde Justices, or two of them / before whom suche offendoure shalbe outlawed, or attaynted, shall immediatly vppon the vtlagarye or attaynder, sende vnto the kynges officers of his lorde-

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shippes marchers, or vnto theyr deputies, or vnto the lorde marcher of the same lordeshippes marcher or to theyr officers or deputies, wherin suche offence shall happen to be done, or where suche offendours shall happen to be resyant, a certificate vnder the seales of them, or two of them, of anye suche vtlagaries or atteynder commaundynge the by the same, vpon payne of a hundreth poundes to the kynge, to be leuyed of theyre goodes, landes, and tenementes of the same lorde marcher, as of the goodes landes, and tenementes of the kinges officer there, to take or cause to be attached the bodye of the same offendour so outlawed, or attaynted, and safely to be kept tyll suche conuenient tyme before the next sessions of the kynges Justyces of Gaole delyuerye of the shyre where suche offendour shall happen to be outlawed or attaynted, as to the kynges officers of his lordeshippes marchers/or theyr deputies, or vnto the lorde marcher, or vnto his deputie, or officers where suche offendours shalbe attached and kepte, as shalbe thought expedient for the conueyaunce of the same offendours, in fourme folowynge to be delyuered from the kinges officers or theyr deputies, or from the lorde marcher, or his officers, to other persons assygned by this acte to receyue & conueye suche offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the deliuerer and receyuer, that is to saye, that the kynges officers of his lordeshippes marcher, or theyr deputies, where suche offendour shalbe attached and kept shall safely cõduit and conuey the same offendour to the nexte lordeshyppe marcher towarde the shyre where the same offendour shall happen to be outlawed or attaynted

taynted. And that the kinges officers of the same lordeshyppe marcher, or theyr deputies, or the lorde marcher of the same lordeshyppe marcher, or his officer or deputie, shall receyue and safely kepe and conuey the same offendour to the next lordeshyppe marcher. And so the kinges officeers of euery lordeshyppe marcher, or the lorde marcher of the same lordshippe, or his officers or deputies to receiue conduit and conuey safely suche offendour, from one lordeshyppe marcher to an other lordshyppe marcher, by indenture vnto the tyme that suche offendour shalbe safely delyuered before the sayde Justices of Gaole delyuerie. vppon payne of forfayture by euery the kynges officers or lorde marcher, by whose defaute the same offendour, shall ne may appere before the same Justyces, at theyr sayde sessions, there to abyde the order of the kyng{s} lawes. C. li. to be leuied of the landes/tenementes, goodes, and catteles of the same officer, or lorde to the kynges vse. And that euery officer lorde or other person, to whom any certificat shall be directed in fourme abouesayde shall at the nexte Sessions and Gaole delyuerie, holden next after the attachement of suche offendour, retourne the same certificat in due fourme, what he or they haue done, vpon the payne afore sayde, sauynge to the offendoure, all exceptyons, pleas, and aduantages, as hath bene vsed by the lawes of this realme. And yf any person outlawed or attaynted by force of this acte/ to hyde sufficient suertie before the Justices of Gaole delyuerie, suche as they shall thinke conuenient, that he fromhenforth shall not commit or do any felonye, or mourdour, nor be accessorie to any Felo-

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ete of murdour, but at all times shalbe of good be
haueour agaynst the kynge, his heires and succes-
sours, and theyr lawes, and subiectes, that then
the Justices of Wales delyuerte, by consent of the
lorde Presydent, and two of the kinges commis-
sioners of counsell of the marches, or thre of the
at the least, whereof the lorde Presydent, or one of
the counsell to be one, shal by theyr discrecyon for
ons tyme onely abuyde suche offendour to a tyme,
of certayne some to be payed by them, to be assess
sid to the kynges vse, and shall haue power to
dyscharge any suche offendour so arraygned, con
uicted, or attaynted of al suche felonye, and mur-
ther, and accessorye to the same, and executyons da
thes, so that he ronde not appeled of the same, at
the tyme of his sayde dyscharge. Prouyded that
this acte shall nat abridge the libertie of the lorde
Marcher, vnlesse the sayde offendoure hap-
pen to be indicted, arraygned, outlawed, attaynted,
or conuicted within two yeres nexte after suche
mourdour or felonye done within the sayde lorde
shyppe marcher. Also felonyes mourdours, and at
tempte, in the shyre of Merionyth in Wales, shal
be from hensforth enquired herde and determined
in the counties of Caernarun, or Anglesey, before
the Justices of Northwales, or theyr deputyes of
same shyres, or otherwyse, yf by discrecyon of
the Justices, or theyr deputies it shalbe thought
conuenyent. Where diuers felonies, and mour-
ders haue be done within the lordshippes of Wa
les, and without the same the offendours diuers
tymes flee from the same place where suche offe-
ce is done in an other lordeshyppe Marcher, and

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there do abyde by reason whereof they be vnpu-
nished. And therfore it is enacted that euery shyf-
fer and theyr deputies, vppon commaundement
gyuen by the commyssyoners or counsayle of the
marches, shall bringe, leude, or deliuer euerye su-
che offendour to the officer of the lordeshyp mar-
cher, or other place where any suche offence is do-
ne, vpon the meres and bondes of the same lorde-
shyppes, or to the sayde commyssyoners or coun-
sayle accordynge as the officers shalbe commaun-
ded, vnder payne of forty pounde, the same com-
maundement, or commission to be directed to any
officer, to be sende and delyuered by a sergeaunt
at armes or Pursuiuant, attendante vppon the
sayde counsell in the marches, for the tyme beyng
Anno. 26. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 6.

¶ It is enacted that if any person dwellynge in
Wales or in the marches of the same, vpon any
purpensed malice, presume to assaute, beate, mey-
me, or wounde any of the kinges subiectes, of the
countyes of Glouceſter, Salop, and Herefordſ.
then they so attaynted, beynge endited and con-
uicte therof, shall suffre imprisonment by one hol-
le yere without redempcyon, in suche prison as
to the Iustyces before whome they be conuicte,
shalbe thought conuenyent, with suche further
payne, as they shuld haue had yf this acte had ne-
uer be made. Anno. 26. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 9.

¶ It is enacted that euery person within ordersſ
of deacon or aboue beyng conuicte of any petye tre-
son, or of mourdour of malyce purpensed or rob-
bynge of any churche, chapell, or other holy place
or for robbynge of any person in theyr dwellyng
houses (the owner, or dweller therof, his wyfe or

chyldren, oz seruauntes then beynge put in feare by the same) oz foz robbynge any person in oz nes ar aboute the highe way, oz foz brennynge of any dwellynge howses, oz barnes wherin any cozne shulde happen to be, oz foude guilte of any abbets ment, consaylynge helpynge, oz mayntenynge of oz to any suche felonyes, oz petyte treasons a bous sayd, before any lozde, stewarde, lieutenaūt deputye, oz other Justice, oz officer within Wales, oz other place oz dominion, whes no Justice of peace be, and therupon admitted to his clergye then the same person so beynge within suche holy ozders, and deliuered to the Ordinarie, shall oz maye fynde two suerties by recognysaunce foz hys good aberynge before two of the kinges Justices of peace (wherof one to be of the Quozum) in the shire where the same conuicte is kepte, in the Ordinaries prison, yf the same person be within the shyre oz groūde where Justices of peas and Quozum be, ozels before two of the kynges Justices of peace (wherof one to be of the Quozū) in the nexte shire adioynynge to the same prison, And that the same two Justices (wherof one to be of the Quozum) to haue power to take suche recognisaunce, and to certifye the same in lyke mayer and vpon lyke payne of a.C.li. as it shulde haue be done by vertue of the fozmer acte, made the. xviii. yere of kinge Henry the eight. Anno. 26. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 12.

¶ It is enacted that the lozd. Chaunceler, oz kepper of the greate seale foz the tyme beynge, shall from tyme to tyme nomynate and appoynte Justices of peace, and of Quozum; and Justices of Gaole deliuere in the counties of Chester, Flynt

Angleſey.

Anglesey, Kayernenan, Merrioneth, Cardigan Kayermerthē, Penbroke, and Glamorgan, by cō myssion vnder the greate seale, whiche shall haue auctorite to enquere here and determine all thinges enquirable and presentable, and determinable before Justices of peace and of Quorum, and Gaole delyuerie, in other shyres of Englande. by force of any statutes made, or to be made, or by course of the comon lawe. And shall do, vse, and execute euery thynge, as other Justices of peace of Quoris and Gaole delyuere haue in any other shyre within this realme, and shalbe sworne and bounde to the kepinge of the sessions, and to the due execucyon of al statutes, made, and to be made, vnder lyke paynes, as other Justices of peace Quorum, and Gaole delyuere, in other shyres, be or shalbe bounde, and shall make theyr estreates, and certifye them into the Escheker therfore appoynted, as other Justices vse to do in the eschekker of this realme, and they and theyr clerkes of the peace shal be allowed of the fynes, issues, and amerciamentes suche lyke fees and profytes, as other Justices of peace and clerkes of peace haue in other shires within this Realme. Anno. 27. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 5.

Also it is enacted that it shalbe lawfull to all the kinges subiectes, and all other persons beynge in amyte with the kynge freely, quietly, and in peace to passe and repasse, trauel, & go into and through the forestes in Wales, bothe on horse backe and on foote, aswell folowynge, and dryuynge of cattell, as with carryage of wares or otherwyse about their busynes without any fyne, forfayte tol' custome, custome, exaccion, or other impo-

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sicyon to be taken or demaunded by the forestes
rulers walkers, fermers, or theyr assignes, and yf
it happen any of the sayde foresters, rulers, wod-
kers, fermers or theyr assygnes, or any of them to
take any person beynge the kynges subiectes or
of amyte with the kynge, or his heyres and suc-
cessours kinges of Englande, and take of them,
or of any of them any forfaiture. fine, toll, custome
or exaccyon aboue mencioned, and therof be con-
uicte, then he or they so offendynge to be and sō-
de in the daunger of the Statutes. Pzouyded for
roboryes by the kynges hyghe wayes, and the sa-
me to be tryed before the Justices of peace in the
nexte shyre adioynynge, accordynge to the lawes
of this realme, the fynes aboue specifyed in the
Statutes be to make fyne at the wyll of the For-
resters, rulers, walkers, fermers, or their assignes
or to haue all the money or golde in his purse, or
to lose a ioynt. Anno. 17. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 7.

¶ It is enacted that no maners, landes or tene-
mentes, or other heredytamentes, shal passe, al-
ter or chaunge, frō one to an other, whereby any
estate of inheritaunce or freholde shalbe made/or
take effecte in any person, or any vse therof to be
made by reasone onely of any bargayne or sale
therof, excepte that the same bargayne and sale
be made by wrytynge indēntyd and sealed, and en-
rolled in one of the kynges courtes of recorde, as
Westmister. or els within the same coūties wher
the maners and heredytamentes so bargayned
solde, lye or be before the Custos rotulorum, and
ii. Justices of the peas, and the clerke of the peas
of the same countie, or two of them at the leaste
wherof the clerke of the peas to be one, and the
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Anglesey, Kayernaruan, Merioneth, Cardigan Kayermerthe, Penbroke, and Glamorgan, by cõmyssion vnder the greate seale, whiche shall haue auctorite to enquere here and determine all thinges enquirable and presentable, and determinable before Justices of peace and of Quorum, and Gaole delyuerie, in other shyres of Englande. by force of any statutes made, or to be made, or by course of the comon lawe. And shall do, vse, and execute euery thynge, as other Justices of peace of Quorũ and Gaole delyuere haue in any other shyre within this realme, and shalbe sworne and bounde to the keping of the sessions, and to the due execucyon of al statutes, made, and to be made, vnder lyke paynes, as other Justices of peace Quorum, and Gaole delyuere, in other shyres, be or shalbe bounde, and shall make theyr estreates, and certifye them into the Escheker therfore appoynted, as other Justices vse to do in the eschekar of this realme, and they and theyr clerkes of the peace shal be allowed of the fynes, issues, and amerciamentes suche lyke fees and profytes, as other Justices of peace and clerkes of peace haue in other shires within this Realme. Anno. 27. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 5.

Also it is enacted that it shalbe lawfull to all the kinges subiectes, and all other persons beynge in amyte with the kynge freely, quietly, and in peace to passe and repasse, trauel, & go into and through the forestes in Wales, bothe on horse backe and on foote, aswell folowynge, and dryuynge of cattell, as with caryage of wares or otherwyse about their busynes without any fyne, forfayte tol' custome, custome, exaction, or other impo-

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ſieyon to be taken oz demaunded by the ſozeſters rulers walkers, fermers, oz theyz aſſignes, and yf it happen any of the ſayde ſozeſters, rulers, wozkers, fermers oz theyz aſſygnes, oz any of them to take any perſon beynge the kynges ſubiectes oz of amyte with the kynge, oz his heyzes and ſucceſſours kinges of Englande, and take of them, oz of any of them any ſozfaiture. fine, tol, cuſtome oz exaccyon aboue mencioned, and therof be conuicte, then he oz they ſo offendynge to be and ſtõde in the daunger of the Statutes. Pzouyded fozeboztes by the kynges hyghe wayes, and the ſame to be tryed before the Juſtices of peace in the nexte ſhyze adioynynge, accozdynge to the lawes of this realme, the fynes aboue ſpecifyed in the Statutes be to make fyne at the wyll of the Foreſters, rulers, walkers, fermers, oz their aſſignes oz to haue all the money oz golde in his purſe, oz to loſe a ioynt. Anno. 17. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 7.

¶ It is enacted that no maners, landes oz tenementes, oz other heredytamentes, ſhal paſſe, alter oz chaunge, frõ one to an other, whereby any eſtate of inheritaunce oz freholde ſhalbe made/oz take effecte in any perſon, oz any vſe therof to be made by reaſone onely of any bargayne oz ſale therof, excepte that the ſame bargayne and ſale be made by wzytynge indẽtyd and ſealed, and enrolled in one of the kynges courtes of recozde, as Weſtmiſter. oz els within the ſame coũties wher the maners and hereditamentes ſo bargayned ſolde, lye oz be before the Cuſtos rotulozum, and ii. Juſtices of the peas, and the clerke of the peas of the ſame countie, oz two of them at the leaſte wherof the clerke of the peas to be one, and the

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same enrolmēt to be made within syxe monethes nexte after the date of the same wrytynge indented, the same Justyces & the clerke takynge therfore two shyllinges, that is eyther of them twelue pens, if the londe in the same wrytyng excede not the yerely value of forty shyllynges. And yf the lande excede the yerely value of.xl. shyllynges, then the Justices and the clerke and euery of the to take two shyllynges and syxe pens for the enrollynge therof, and the clerke shall sufficyently enroll in parchement the same dedes, or wrytynges indented. And at the ende of euery yere shall delyuer vnto the Custos rotulorum, to remayne in the custody of Custos rotulorum, amonge the other recordes of the countye that the party that hathe to do therwith maye resorte and se the tenour of euery suche wrytynge. Prouyded that it shall not extende to Townes corporate, where the Mayres, or officers haue auctorytye to entolle any euydence. Anno. 27. Henrici. 8. Capitu. 16.

¶ It is enacted that yf any seruaunt beynge in the seruice of any person happen to steale or felonously take awaye any goodes or cattels of his mayster. or mistres, or if any seruaunt to whome any casket, goodes, or cattels shall be delyuered vnto, by his mayster or mistres, or by any other person to theyr vse withdrawe hymselfe from his sayde mayster or mastrys, and go awaye with the sayde goodes or cattels / or any parte therof contrarye to the trust to him put, or els beynge in seruice of his mayster, or mistres, without assent of his mayster, or mistres, he imbesel the same goodes, or cattels, or any parte therof, or otherwyse conuert ye same to hys owne vse with lyke purpose

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steale it, Yf any suche goodes oz cattels be to the value of fozty shyllynges oz aboue, oz yf the sayde goodes oz cattels that any seruaunt after the deliuere of the same shall go awaye with, oz whische he shall imbesel with purpose to steale it, beynge of the value of fozty shyllinges & aboue, thē euery suche seruaunt that so doth steale oz imbesel any goodes oz catels to hym deliuered in fourme before sayde, and be founde gylty therof oz of any parcell by the lawe, oz by his confession vpon his arayngement shalbe put from his clergye and shal lose the priuiledge of his sayntuary, and be put to execucyon as yf he were no clerke. Anno 27. Henrici. 8. Capitulo. 17.

¶ It is enacted that euery the kynges subiectes of Englande, Irelonde, Wales, and Calays, and the marches of the same accozdynge to the lawes and ozdinaunces of his churche of Englāde, and after the vsage and custome of the parisshe oz other place where he dwelleth, shall paye his tythes, offerynges, and other dueties of holy thurche, And foz subtractyon of any of thē, the person curate, oz other partie greued, maye conuent the partie so offendinge before his ozdinarye oz other iudge hauynge auctozite to here and determyne the right of tythes and also compel the sayd partie so offendynge, to do and yelde his sayde duetie in that behalfe, and if the ozdinarie oz other iudge foz any contempt, oz misbehauoure of the partye defendaūt, make informacyon oz requeste to any of ỹ kynges coūsell, oz to the Justices of peas of the shyre, where such offendour dwelleth to assyste & ayde the sayd Ozdinarie oz other iudge to reformme & ozder any such vsēs i ỹ causes before sayd

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then he of the kinges counsell, or suche two Iustices of peace (whereof one to be of the Quorum) to whome suche informacion or request shalbe so made shall haue auctorite to attache or cause to be attached the sayde person, agaynst whome suche informacyon or requeste shalbe made, and to commytte the same person to warde, there to remayne without bayle or maipris tyl he haue founde sufficient suertie to be bounde by recognysaunce or otherwyse before the sayde counseler or Justicer of peace, or any other lyke coūceler or Justice of peace, to the vse of the kynge, to gyue due obedyēce to the proces, procedinges, decrees, and sentences of the ecclesyasticall courte of this realme where suche suite shall depende. Prouyded that the partie maye sue his appeales, prohibycyons, and other remedyes accordinge to the ecclesiastical lawes, and the lawes of this realme, And that acte to recouer any tythes, shall take force and effecte vntyl suche tyme as the kinges highnes and such other .xxxii. persons by him to be appoynted for makynge of suche lawes, as his highnes shal afferme, & ratyfie to be called ecclesiasticall lawes of his churche of Englande, and after the sayde lawes so ratified and confyrmed as is aforesayde then the sayde tythes to be payed to euery ecclesiasticall person accordynge to suche lawes, and none otherwyse. Anno. 27. Henrici. 8. Capiulo. 20

¶ It is enacted that no person shall laboure or worke, or cause to be laboured or wrought tynne workes called streme workes, within the counties of Deuon and Cornewall, nyghe to any fresshe ryuers or lowe places, hauynge course to the hauens or portes of Plymmouth, Dartmouth,

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Tynmoth, Falmouthe, and Foway, oz to any of them, vnlesse the digger, owner. oz washer, make oz cause to be made sufficyent hatches and tyes in the endes of theyr budvels and cozdes, s therin laye and cause to be layde all stones and grauell dygged about the serchynge and washing, of the sayde tynne, there to be surely kepte frō the sayde freshe ryuers oz water courses/ vpō payne to forfayt for euery tyme that any suche owner, tynner digger, oz labozer, shal digge, oz washe oz cause to be digged oz washed any tynne contrarie to the fourme afozesayde twentye pounde, halfe to the kinge, and the other halfe to any the kinges subiectes that wyll sue therfoze, by wryt bylle playnt oz infozmacyon oz otherwyse, wherin no wager of lawe pzotection ne essoyne to be allowed. And yf any persō be indited oz condēpned vexed oz troubled in hys person, oz in his tynne wozkes, goods oz catels by any minister of the court of stannery oz by any other person foz suynge any suit oz accozdynge to this statute, agaynst any person that shall offende agaynst this statute, that then al suche indytementes condempnacions, accions imprisonmentes, fynes/ and amerciamentes / and esplonmentes, fynes/ and amerciamentes / and euery other acte done in any of the sayde Courtes of stanery, ozels where shalbe vtterly voyde, and the partie so vexed, sued, oz troubled shal haue hys accyon and remedy by this statute, by wrytte bylle playnt infozmacyon, oz otherwyse in any of the kinges courtes, agaynst al suche as shall pzocure oz attempte to vexe oz trouble any suche person foz suynge of the forfayte abouesayde, shall recouer treble damages and the defendaūt shal nat wage his lawe/ noz essoyne noz pzotecyon to be allowed.

allowed. And yf it shall happen any person to be imprisoned for suyng any suche suit, vppon this statute by any person beinge minister of the Chancery courte, or by theyr deputies, or substitutes, then euery of the sayde Justices of peace within the sayde Courtes wherin the prisoner shal happen to be in Prison, vpon credyble informacyon, takynge suertye by hys discrecyon for his appearaunce at the nexte generall Sessyones, shall haue auctorite aswell to directe his warrante to the keper of the Prison as to any other person, to whome the Prysoner shall be commytted vnto, commaundyuge him vpon payne of fortie pounde, to put at large the sayde prisoner, whiche if he refuse so to do: then euery suche offendoure shall forfayte forty pounde, halfe to the kynge and the other halfe to hym that is agreued by imprisonement, to be recouered in maner aboue sayde, and no wager of lawe essoyne ne protection to be allowed. And yf it shall appere vpō the apperaunce of the prisoner at the quarter sessiōs by examinacyon of the Justices of peas that he was imprisoned contrarie to ꝑ fourme of this statute, that then he shalbe fourth with dismyssed And yf he were imprysoned for any other iuste cause, then to be remaunded to prison by discrecyon of the sayde Justices. Anno. 27. Henrici. 8. Capi. 24.

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